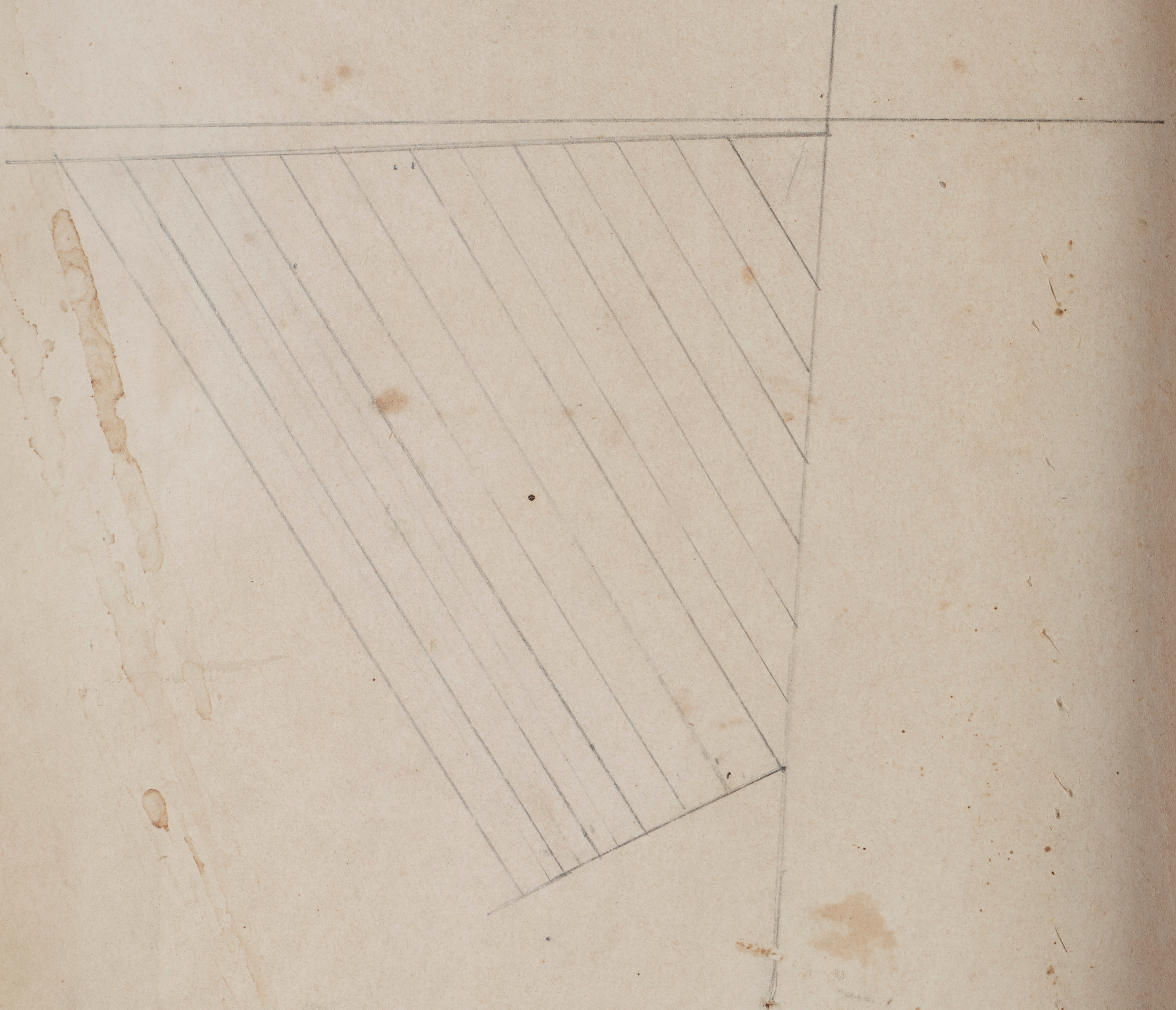




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Barque Orrey Capt of New Bedford Sailed

July 2^d 1872 on a whaling voyage to Harbours Bay, for the first two weeks had fine weather after passing the banks of New Foundland had strong winds and wet dismal weather, with head winds. Making a long passage to the Straits, which we entered the sixth of August. Saw no field ice but many bergs, more than ever before, being among them till up with Salsbury Island, where we had something happen which shows the force of the currents passed Salsbury in the morning some six miles from the S end. Steering W. N. W. by compass to pass Nottingham. it shut in thick fog at noon. and after we had run by dead reckoning (guessing) ~~thought~~ to be past the Island hauled up N. E. W. and sailed the W end of Nottingham ahead the tide had swept us to the N. the whole length of the Island run out to the N of the Island and waiting for clear weather, entered Evans Inlet Aug 11th and on that day 81.19 W and have been until the 16th getting to Lon 84.28 W. where we now are with a head wind and thick weather. have had very cold and wet weather the decks not getting dry for a week at a time. I find a strong current setting to the E. through this Strait so that with head winds can barely say we gain. Walrus Island is a little west of where laid down on the new chart. can see no prospect of getting along until we have a shift of wind. Barometer is very low as it has been for a week past. From this commence my Journal Lat 63.12 N Lon 84.28 W

Saturday Aug: 17th 1872

Fresh breezes from W. with Prog squalls first and latter part. but Middle part clear last Night tacked to S.W. at four P.M. and being near calm, headed by wind to S.W. till four A.M. when were close to land on the S side of Strait. the land should be by the new chart sixty miles or more ~~about~~ from the N. to S side but is not more than forty. working to windward on short tacks. our barometer is very low and the weather looks bad. Should the wind hold think we can clear the Strait by another day. Lat 63.02 Lon 84.47

Barge Orray Tapt of New Bedford in Hudsons Bay

Sunday Aug^r 18th 1872

Through the twenty four hours working to windward with a strong gale Square in our teeth. Beautifully divided in rainy, foggy, and clear weather a heavy head sea the result of our days work is shown by the longitude wind from SW to W. Lat $63^{\circ} 06'$ Lon $84^{\circ} 29'$ Barometer 29.25

Monday Aug 19th

Through the night Making short tacks till one A.M. tacked to NW and stood till eleven A.M. when after I had made up my mind that were clear of the land we made it in the fog, and tacked to S till two P.M. tacked to NW and again to S at half past five P.M. strong breezes from W. with rain fog & clear weather. Lat $62^{\circ} 58'$ Lon $85^{\circ} 09'$ Barometer 29.65

Tuesday Aug 20th

Through the twentyfour wind steady and strong from W. trying to work to windward without gaining much of it. Should the wind hold steady shall make out to head by Cape Kendall tomorrow. Slow and tedious this working against wind and current. Lat $62^{\circ} 48'$ Lon $85^{\circ} 43'$ Barometer 29.80

Wednesday Aug 21st

Heading by wind to NW through the night and made our way into the Bay of Hudson, passed over the position of Tomb Island, (the second time I have been over it without seeing it) first part of day wind came out SE, and freshening to a gale, steering to N.W.W. till three P.M. close reefed topsails and came to wind heading to S. latter part rain & fog and blowing strong from SE. Bar 29.60

Thursday Aug 22nd

Through the night blowing heavy gales from E. heading to S by wind under two close reefed topsails, a very heavy sea heaving from two ways, from S and from E the vessel seemed sometimes to stand on end. first part of the day wind went down but the sea is still heavy. in the night heavy thunder and very short lightning wore ship middle part to NW. thick fog and rain. have no bottom as yet though we must be well over to the W side of the bay. Barometer stands at 29.00 and rather falling so ends our first day in Hudsons Bay

Barque Orray Saft of New Bedford in Hudsons Bay

Friday August 23rd 1872

Compass dont work. So
give rounded true as
mean as I can judge

Through the night and first part of the day rain & fog with strong gale from N.W. Barometer at 29.00, and showing a little rise. Middle part wind coming to W.S.W. and clearing off or rather held up raining. wore ship at two p.m. to S.W. under close reefed topsails and foresail. Sea heavy and cobbling put stove in forecabin to dry the men a little. latter part heading by wind to S.W. with strong gale from W.S.W. and cloudy. Barometer 29.23 Lat 63.50 Lon 88.43

Saturday Aug 24th

Through the night and first part of day the same rain and foggy weather with wind S.S.W. heading to W. by wind, till two p.m. when it cleared off cloudy. Kept off to N.E. to look for the other ships or whales. latter part luffed to wind and so ends wind S.S.W. head to E. Barometer 29.40

Sunday Aug 25th

Heading by wind to E. till 5 a.m. kept off N.E. at seven a.m. at half past eleven a.m. made the land ahead luffed to E.N.E. along it wind hauling to S.E. cant make out by land where we are as it is cloudy with some fog. judge myself off eagle harbor. latter part wind S.S.E. as mean as I can judge shall work short tacks off the land thick fog and so ends Barometer 29.60

Monday Aug 26th

Through the night calm. first part of day a light breeze from S. laying with fore and aback, till noon when it partly cleared up saw what I called land to S.E. of us, which must have been Cape Kendall. Steering to N.W. since twelve (noon) and have not made the land yet. we had a very strong current. to set us so far. Still foggy. Wind S.S.W. Barometer 29.56

Tuesday Aug 27th

Thick fog and rain through the night and till noon when lit up so could see a few miles. could not make out the land for a certainty but am some twenty miles N. of whale point as mean as I can judge. Run off along the land with a light breeze till four p.m. when here too, with thick fog. Barometer 29.70 wind S.S.E. to S.S.W. light

Wednesday August 28th 1872

Through the night and first part of the day light breezes from S to SW with thick fog. fell in with the Quail Gibbs in the fog with 280 lbs. A Bradford 250, do. Atwood 125. Stainer 30. Some of them have seen plenty of whales. Middle part cleared off. Stood in to yellow bluff and run along the land to N till five pm. luffed to wind to S. So ends Barometer 29.76

Thursday Augth 29th

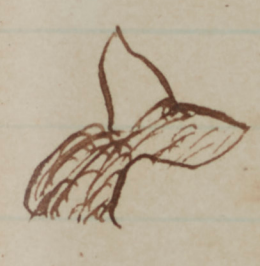
Through the night light breezes from W heading to S. by wind till eleven pm hauled aback till daylight when heading by wind to E. wind S. E. and shut in thick fog. Spoke the Sch^{rs} Abbie Bradford hailing 230. lbs. at noon cleared off stood in to land latter part shut in thick rain storm and calm tacked in thirteen fathoms heading to S. E. So ends Barometer 29.76

Friday Aug 30th

Through the night calm with heavy rain. drifting with the current in towards the land had to lower a boat to tow her head off shore had fifteen fathoms water. ~~At~~ part of day breeze came from N. running along the land till ten pm. shut in fog luffed to wind head to N. E. at twelve cleared off stood in shore and running along the land raised the Gibbs to leeward whaling. and the Atwood cutting hauled off shore at four pm hauled in again and at six pm saw a whale shealing in shore lowered three boats and followed him till dark when took the boats up and so ends. Bar: 29.80

Saturday Augth 31st

Fine weather with light breeze from W. worked close in with the land where the whale was bound we were chasing last evening. and at daylight the Gibbs was chasing him some six miles off shore from us. She was after him at noon. worked along the land to S at dark being half way from Cape Fullerton to whale point the A Bradford in sight. at dark kept off to S. E. until ten pm when hove aback so ends Barometer 29.96



Barge Array Taff of New Bedford in Hudsons Bay

Sunday, September 1st 1872

At daylight kept off S.E. run around Cape Kendall the land in sight at noon hauled to N.E. with fresh breeze from N.W. Stood along till made the land to E. of us at sunset land in sight nearly all the way from W. to E. but to N. and N.E. a long way off. that to E. but a few miles off. must be much different from the charts. the water seems to have some feed. Shall lay aback through the night and try and beat in to the light to morrow. Bar: 30.06

Monday Sept: 2nd

Made sail at daylight and stood in to 10 fathoms on the North shore. at five A.M. standing to S.E. for the land in sight in that direction. at eight am kept off to N.W. for what seemed to be an inlet. run till noon when made the land out all around from W.S.W. to S.E. saw what looked like huts along the land to N. last night at eleven p.m. they saw a bright light to E. of us which must have been on the land. latter part strong breeze from S.W. and pleasant. at seven p.m. tacked to S.E. in ten fathoms there is feed in the water but no whals. have had good seeing all day Bar: 29.10

Tuesday Sept: 3rd

Through this twenty four hours fresh breeze from S. working out of the light to S.W. at four p.m. passed Cape Kendall. and steering off to N.W. till dark there too for the night. Bar: 29.80 turned the Steward forward. as I could not stand the waste nor poor living longer

Wednesday Sept: 4th

Came on foggy in the night and through the day the same thick fog with rain put a reef in topsails and laying by wind on both tacks. cant tell by compass how we are headed. latter part calm with a swell heaving us in to the N.W. as near as I can judge Barometer 29.50 and falling.

Thursday Sept: 5th

First part of this day strong breezes from N.W. steering to W. at ten A.M. tacked to N.W. wind hauling to W. made the land at three p.m. near Cape Fullerton at six p.m. tacked to S.W. and took in sail for the night. Strong breeze from W. and cloudy. have put the ship by the head by the dint taken from the late Stewards premises. Bar: 29.65

Tuesday September 10th 1872.

For the past five days have had one calm day and the rest of the time fog & rain with some rough windy weather. Have been in at Sepoe Island and looked the land from there to whale point. While the others have run both sides of the welcome, through this part of day have had first faint light breeze from S.E. and fog, at noon lit up and wind came out S.E. & Stove in to land and kept off to S. thick heavy clouds and bad seeing, hove too with head to E. Spoke the Bradford seen nothing. Find my Steward had stolen seven cans meat and Oysters, for which I charge him Hudson Bay tried. Barometer 29.68

Friday Sept 13th

First part of this day light breeze and pleasant weather working up towards Marble Island. The ship in shore of us. at eleven A.M. wind came out S. and breezing and working to E. at noon raised a whale very still to all appearance. lowered three boats, the whale feeding and not showing much spirit. the boats could not get the run of him after a while lost the run of him altogether. took the boats up and seeing no more of the whale and the weather looking thick kept off for the outer harbor to hold the ship so that can be here when it comes a good day. run in and found the abbie Bradford was anchored, let go both anchors, and gave her twenty five fathoms on port chain and fifteen on Starboard, while getting Supper the front chain parted, near the water edge, some twenty fathoms from anchor, very little motion at the time, give her all the chain we could on the other and go clear of the rocks, run a double whale line to the small island and made fast to a rock, took a Kedge and fluke chain in the boat and run it out the whole length of of the fluke chain (some twenty fathoms) and shackled it on to front chain and laying very easy, wind blowing on strong from E.S.E. (true) and so dark could do no more as it was rough sanding. ship had forty five fathoms on her large anchor and a double line ashore, and twenty fathoms on Kedge. stood sea watched through the night, blowing hard, can get our anchor easy, as there is but five fathoms water at low tide. Barometer 29.70

Bark Orrey Tapt of New Bedford ashore at

Saturday September 14th 1872.

The ^{ship} laid well till daylight when the whale line parted and the ship struck several times on the passage rock, as it is called striking her rudder and unhanging it, hove in about two fathoms and was all clear. Run overcutting falls ashore to the N. side of the harbor, the boat going high up on the beach and could not get her. Then the men (seven in all) off again, hauled in taught on the falls and had just got her so she would tail clear of the passage rock, when the starboard chain parted some twenty fathoms from anchor and swinging to her line which did not lead square ahead but about a point on the bow, went on to the rocks stern first her rudder tearing away all the planking and knocking her stern post away up to the lower garboard and starting the planking from stern post, swung broadside on and pounding heavy run lines to try and haul her clear from the rocks. But the wind and sea held her on, could not lower but the starboard boat the ship sent at no assistance, as the surf was heavy. Consulted with officers and found her filling and cut away the masts to try and save the provisions as we were going to sail and looking doubtful about our saving our lives. Just after cutting away the masts and while clearing them the wind came out SW sudden run lines and hauled ~~her~~ stern off some and as the tide came she worked in the passage to the inner harbor Capt Dufferet came aboard with some men and as the tide rose we hauled her inside and went ashore in the N W end of the inner harbor where have made her fast, water over her ground tier, as the tide left her found her false keel all gone but a small piece by the main chains which was still hanging by the bolts being bent over her stern post battered up to the lower garboard and the planking started off and battered up her front side abreast the fore chains, broke in (the timbers) and the planking chafed and the oakum out, the tide flowing in and out

Marble Island in Hudsons Bay

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Monday Sept 16th 1872

Strong breezes from S.W. trying to land and save our provisions, and casks, the whole of the crew and also officers. seem to think that they will not do anything more than save what they want to eat trying to get the ship as far on the beach as can be. I have told the officers that we will do one of two things either land what there is in the ship and try to save all we can or will not do a thing, and have landed some stuff, and shall get the ship up so that the water will not flow over the cabin floor and can winter in her. shall go over to the Main and try and find the natives and get some meat as soon as can get the work going straight. Thursday 19th went over to the Main with two boats and found the natives in Rankin's inlet, but no meat nor fish, there being nothing for them to eat around their houses while we were there, was gone one week. when came back found the Sch^{rs} Abbie Bradford was in for the winter and Abel Gibbs came in the day I came back. have nearly all of our cask, & ashore, leaving her coal that was in the pens, and a few of our stores have dug a trench ahead of her and have her hove up nearly ashore, there being about six feet water at high tide under her stern the men can walk to her fore chains, the men are a mutinous set, doing nothing with a will find that the man named Charles Rivers tried to raise a mutiny before we came in here. have a few men who are willing to do what is asked of them, shall try and do some whaling should the officers think that they had rather do something than nothing, they seem to think now they will do nothing as they will not make what they think they deserve. I shall try and get one boat to whale with me, as it looks to me as proper if I cant make a dollar to try and get a half, or less as I know I need it

KWM

October 19th 1872

Came on the first gale from S.E. that have had since we went ashore. about nine A.M. Capt Piffenot came after me to hold a survey on the A Gibbs who parted her chain and was ashore, found her ashore on the point west of the entrance to the inner harbor. and making water freely the tide had left her so that she had no motion when I went aboard, they cut away the masts as there was no chance of saving the vessel, hoping to haul her off. but as the tide came her bottom was all out and they barely saved their lives losing all their clothes but what they stood in, the next day found some clothes and working when the tide was down for a number of days saved bread & flour enough to winter us. Some of the men came to the O^{ast}, nearly exhausted on the night they went ashore, have took them all in with us all living together and sharing our stores with them and time will tell how we shall come out, the season is so far advanced that cannot build a house and live separate, as they have not fuel. the men belonging to her are the same as our worst ones

Oct 30th And we shall not pass a pleasant winter they steal everything they can get our supply of fresh or small stores, are small for wintering so many men they are a lawless gang of men., had I have dreamt of their being two of us in this senape I would have kept the family of natives who wished to stay, instead of carrying them away from the Island, they would have done better hunting than we shall do. there is no game of any kind on the Island, and the water is not a paying hunting ground, but we will hope for the best, were the men (a little more like men we would winter well enough but there is no manliness among them. Should we get the natives get to us early in the winter we will be all right, but it has every appearance of being an open winter. I should rather see the winter early and then have spring but we must take it as it comes. and get along the best we can. General theory

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a winter passed in Hudsons. Bay.

November 10th 1872

We have done about all we can do before winter shuts down on us. our forecabin is about thirty feet long and have thirty men down there, have a storage built forward of our cabin deck which goes to the blubber room numbering sixteen aft six of the gills men having built a house and living by themselves, we have a rather a full ships company, but we can do no better, under the circumstances in which we are placed, we must live together or live cold and poorly fed. as our fuel will not carry us through the winter separate, had we not have got the wreck off and in here we should have been lost off, but I am surrounded by those who have no gratitude nor feeling all would be well were it not for the mutinous feelings amongst the crew they will do nothing to make the winter pass comfortable, are bound to do no more than they are obliged to to keep alive at the present time and they must suffer when the cold weather comes, whatever happens I hold myself as blameless. I will do what I can for all but I cant do the work that is required to place the ship in a condition to pass a comfortable winter we lay with our head on the beach heading true N.W. with a heel to port, of about two streaks, which seems like being at sea, we were perfectly upright till the gale of the 19 ult: when we slewed in our trench owing to the uncommon high tide, tried to right her again but she is all broke down and cant move her her stern will not ride at the spring tides, we have to walk on sidled till we leave her which is not pleasant to say the least as we have six or eight months to stay yet, the weather is not very cold yet so but what we could get some game were we to do our best, but they dont think it best to try I think that when the time comes that we cant get it, they will be more

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A winter in Hudsons Bay

Wednesday Nov: 13th 1872

Had been the coldest day of the winter went out for a walk to the west side of the Island. and tried to smoke out some Foxes from their den. but one tried to come out, and him Mac. drove back went from there to the Abbie Bradford where we took dinner came home and set the saw, wind came out N.W. and blowing on fresh the outer harbor clear of ice. one of our men fell in the water and came aboard all right except the wetting one man came back from the house. to live with us. and so ends the day Ther: at zero Barometer at 30.4

Wednesday Nov: 20th

The past week have had the ther at minus 20 for two days. the outer harbor is froze over. and the sk: froze in our home lays high out of the water and much exposed to the winds when there is a breeze the cabin is very cold. worked one day hauling ice around her for banking and what seems to be the end of it as have had two days since of fair weather and have done nothing towards it. every man of the officers seem to have something of their own to do. had one of my officers come to me to day to buy powder. I shall not do the work myself yet. and shall let things take their course at present and shall prepare to start for home in my boat in the spring. going by the way of Montreal if possible. as whaling seems out of the question and I must try and get home to try and get something to do. we shall undoubtedly have much sickness and suffering before spring as every one is inviting it. and we can not live as well as though we had all of our provision to one crew. shall try and make our stores go till we can hunt for fresh am weighing out our Pork three quarters of a pound per day a man. all other thing that we have are not allowed at present so ends the day then at +10. through the day with wind N.E. Bar. 29.50

Wednesday December 11th 1872.

The weather still holds very mild for the season the ship keeping near Goro. Most of the time, the Survey has made its appearance among the crew, and we are nearly powerless to keep it in check let alone to cure it, have to this date shot two Seal, one we had half for our share the sk; having one half. We have a little whale meat, and two Mashed of Deer Meat. the ship is partly Banked from the Starboard waist round the bow to the stern on the port side, the remainder being left for some reason, what I can't say, unless it is to keep the grub from spoiling in the pantry which is on that side together with my room, went out the other day and had a fine chance for a walrus, but had only our guns shot two balls into one, without seeming to damage him much, have a small boat, now but a get have not shot much.

Wednesday Dec: 25th

The weather for the last few weeks has been warm for the month, with the exception of one day the thermometer stood at -40. the ship is not banked yet, the men are showing the Survey, have several that have it bad, and our frozen meat don't cure it merely keeps it at a stand we have had an open revolt among the men. I had put them on an allowance of coal of one bucket and a half per day, when I found the cook was supplying them, or letting them supply themselves by getting out his coal overnight and then they would take it during the night, and he would get more before any one was up in the cabin. I turned him out of the galley, and they immediately opened a cask of coal under the forecabin, which I called first my men, and they refused to bring it aft unless they could have what they wanted to burn. I then called all hands and they all refused to a man I told them if any was of a different mind to step out but they were all of one mind I then told them they could go clear of me and as they had their coal they must do their own cooking and the first one I caught stealing I would shoot him on the spot, it is rather a hard thing to keep so many men together they are led by four or five, and it has been the same ever since we went ashore they steal all they can and will do nothing had arranged a dinner for them for to day of roast pork which they have not got, we will divide in the cabin

A Winter passed in Hudson Bay

January 1st 1873

On the 26th of last Month after twenty four hours by themselves the men wished to parley with me. I ~~listened~~ was on deck under the house, cleaning the snow from the skylight. two of the men came under the house came up to where I was saying good Morning and that they wished to come to an arrangement about that coal. I turned around and taking my revolver out said I will give you two minutes to get out of this house. and it was laughable to see them then get the door was not wide enough but they got through about together. some of the officers came running out of the cabin, thinking the war had commenced. two of them came to me and I took them in the struggle and they were rather put out to find that we were all together ~~at this~~ end of the ship and meant business just as we were letting down to our supper ~~arran~~ came aft and said they would bring the coal aft I sent him off, saying I was too busy just then, to talk with them, but next morning I called all hands, and having heard of a meeting held by them on the 26th and they was all willing but five to do as they were told the five who said they would never come under me again. I had one of the officers to be ready and when they were all in the deck house to lock the door which was done and they found themselves in a trap and were as meek as kittens I talked to them a few minutes as I have done before, stating the circumstances we were in and then told them that I should try and stop this for the winter and should furnish the leaders asking them and the officers if they deserved punishment and they all thought they did but there was noingleaders I told them to side out as they did the day before and then told them I should take them as theingleaders and had them put in Irons. then told them I would use them as well as they would let me should not favor them as I had done, but would ^{do} all I could as long as they used me well. they were well satisfied to any terms I told the cook to get them some supper. (some of them were hungry I think) and so it stands finished a low banking around the ship, which fell away again by the Ice rising and falling with the tide the Pistol scared them. I took a Whetstone from ~~the~~ Charles Rivers and a loaded pistol from his chest he is the leader of my crew. let two of the five out the 31st who were led to it having always been better men but have Charles Rivers, Charles Tuttle & William Iger still in irons so ends

Sunday, January, 5th 1873.

Had been a very pleasant day for an arctic winters day cloudy, but mild, a light breeze from S.W. and hauled the NW the ther; at -10. ~~at~~ at four p.m. ther; at -20. Caught two seal today, one at the house and one at the Sch; the wind does not ~~can~~ stay in the South long enough to get the pack in for the natives to come to us. I expect some of the men will leave as soon as they find passage across. they keep trying to start and shall expect some of them will be lost as they have no clothing, it is not a pleasant winter to pass. the survey is making slow but sure increase. we have but a few meals of fresh meat and it does no good, but we will hope for the best, and look at the best side of it the days are lengthening and time is passing along and I shall look for the first of April with hopeful eyes

Sunday, Jan^y 12th

Through the week have had several pleasant days with the ther ranging from -20 to -38 there has been times that the natives could get across, were they near us. with our much needed fresh meat, our survey is on the increase. though some of the bad cases are better, and our supply of meat must fail entirely. should we have a bad spell of weather, our living is not of the best. as we can have no change except from Bread & meat to meat & bread, and our hunting is not much, have shot several ducks the past week. could we get a walrus it would be ~~the~~ the saving of many lives. the ice does not make as fast as it has done winters before. there is no ice in the bay, the pack moves very quick on the change of wind. does not hang around the island and there has been but few days that the North Main has been in sight. last night night the wind sprang from S.E. and this morning commenced snowing but this evening the wind is back to W. and clear. was in hopes of its holding till after the full of the moon. as I am getting anxious to see a few of the natives. their coming even if they brought nothing would create quite a stir amongst our little world which is beginning to be rather dull. and tomorrow our men are now all in subjection. and every willing but our ship (or house) is not properly banked and is not healthy but we will look and hope for the best. the days are lengthening fast. So ends the week

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay.

Sunday January 19th 1873.

has been rather unpleasant owing to the strong breeze and driving snow. have had a windy week. the thermometer ranging -36 and the lowest -42 yesterday wind blowing from S.E. it rose to -10 for a few minutes this morning -23 at four p.m. -30 with the wind N.W. went out to the North side Friday and found quite piece of ice stuck on to the island but no signs of freezing across. Saw four of the natives of the island out some four miles on the pack. they seem to keep watch and will leave this as soon as they can. I don't wish to see it but have no doubt but what they will some of them lose the number of their mess. the survey is not any worse though our fresh meat is all gone they have had all of the muskox seal & deer meat to eat now. and have turnip open for them. there is but two or three of the Gibbs crew & boatsteerers but what have a touch of it I am powerless to help them and the worst of all is the same old disposition for mutiny is in some six or eight of them. and it is showed in sickness as in everything else. when they get down so they can stand it no longer they will come to the old man. and I give them medicine and tell them to come the next morning. in two mornings they will feel better and don't see them again till they are down as low as they can be. and I judge (perhaps falsely) they have a bitter feeling against me. they have had a theatre the past week. and invited me with all the rest some went from the cabin but I did not think it best under the circumstances which we have lived and are still living. to mix and go in the forecabin with them. we have shot a number of seal the past week but they all sunk before could get the boat to them. have had all the gunners out one or two days after dark but without success. three days of the week. it has been so cold in the cabin that could not keep warm. freezing but a few feet from the red hot stove. and in the open cabin that is the way we live. in these pants. I have a bedstead made and have all the clothes I can pile on it and can't say I am over warm. we are truly a miserable set. I have a slight touch of survey. but when I can get exercise I feel well. living here in the cabin two or three days I don't feel as stout and our living is not what I need to get my health. but to me it seems as though I am remarkably well when I look back to where I was eight months ago. and I think I am blessed.

Monday January 20th 1873.

Fine pleasant weather, with a light breeze from N.E. but the air sharp. as I found in a walk of two to three miles, the thermometer standing at -34. the ice to North was packed in close and the natives were they ~~opposite~~ could have come over. the gunners shot several seal that sunk, our stock of meat is gone, and we need more bad.

Tuesday 21st

Fine weather with light variable wind from took my walk of several miles, the thermometer standing at -34. the North side all water today, we had one seal sunk today and a chance to shoot several which they could not have got. the men are all beginning to think they have the scurvy whether they have or not, our medicine can keep it in check but in a small degree as I look at it the ones who have it won't it will not effect and those who have it light it will barely check.

Wednesday 22nd

First part of this day light wind from all quarters, and cloudy, with the thermometer rising to -12. in the middle of the day, the gunners all out and no game. this winter hunting even at to days temperature is not paying nor pleasant work. our scurvy men are not improving. took my usual walk and my legs have pained me ever since I returned. it is in my ankles. and were I in a different climate should call it acute rheumatism. but here it is scurvy. my legs are all covered with blotches. and I have got to fight against it with the best. latter part light breeze from S. with snow a call for men to take a boat out to the ice floe was answered by six, and as it could not be done with so few, it was given up and the officers went with their guns alone.

Thursday 23rd

Wind N.W. to N.E. and blowing a fresh gale with driving snow and the air full of frost make, in the house all day at work part of the time on my boatsail, getting ready for the summer either to whale it here or to try to make our escape to the settlements, the scurvy patients are rather going back on not having their regular ^{fresh} meat. there is not at present over ten out of forty six but what are touched with it, several likely to drop off at any moment, and no prospect of any fresh from the natives. they have brought it on themselves in a great measure, as we could I think have wintered as well as the ship she had none at present, where men will not work to save their lives because they are making nothing they are poor men

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Friday, January, 24th 1873.

A fresh breeze from W.S.W. through the day with the therm at -33 in the middle of the day and at dusk at -38. aboard the ship all day, at work at nothing. Several of our worst Scurvey men got aft to day for the first time for a long time they will not move had rather lay and die, they are now well secured but are not willing yet to be as they are told they think they have the best doctors amongst themselves

Saturday 25th

Fresh breeze from W. to W.N.W. with some frost smoke in the air, the therm standing the warmest part of the day at -42, the coldest -45 rather hard for our Scurvey patients with no fresh and no chance of getting any. as long as the therm runs so low, they have several cases aboard the Sch. have not been out today at work on my boatsail our fresh meat that we have on the hoof is not doing well. I mean our pig am afraid shall have to kill him to save his life, but bad time is here and so ends

Sunday 26th

Has been the coldest day of the winter the therm standing in the morning at -42 and falling in the ~~winter~~ middle of the day to -52 standing at seven p.m. at -48. the wind in the morning from W.N.W. and hauled to N. the men are getting very bad. they have made a continual raid upon the medicine chest today, as fast as could give one something another would send. the only way I can do is to make them come and report to me and get their own medicine there is but few but what have it the whole ship is a hospital fore and aft. I cant do anything as yet with the men they suppose I keep every thing for aft and do nothing for them. keep talking to them as they come but all of no use as yet, there is no one aft that is doctored, all of that is in the forecabin. we have shot quite a number of foxes since winter set in and I have wished them to save them, in case of Scurvey and no meat. but they would cut them down after they were hung up and throw them away. I told them to day that I could see the men in this end of the ship cooking them much abused foxes and eating them, and them are the ones who will come out all right. I dont think the men will believe me. but that is the way we do they get in their hearts and the well ones say it is a shame to move them as they are sick. such is the difference from having a ship under us. can not do with them as I could with one under me

Monday January 27th 1873

First part of this day fresh breeze from W and thick Frost Smoke, with the therm: the lowest -48: and rose to -30. the wind backing to S.W. and blowing on to a gale in the house all day have nothing to wear like ^{Mr} Flona Mc Flinsey. So can't get out the Scumver is still increasing sprinkled lime around under the hearths in the forecabin and storage they will not move and are first taken with costiveness. My talking does but little good, we are living without any change of diet is the cause

Tuesday 28th

Had been a pleasant day with light N.E. wind and the therm: at noon ~~at~~ -30 was surprised this morning by hearing of Mr. Martin of the Sch being dead. He had not been well for some time but did not think he was so near death. he burst a blood vessel and died instantly last night attended the funeral to day several of our men are very badly off. and are liable to go at any time so ends

Wednesday 29th

First part light variable airs and clear pleasant weather took a walk of some three miles with the therm: at -22 and was very much refreshed after being confined to the ship for some time. plenty of water to the N between us and the main, but all ice to the S. latter part strong gales from N.E. the barometer had been at change for four days. no change in the Scumver patients

Thursday 30th

Commenced with fresh gale from N.W. and the coldest day of winter the therm: standing at daylight at -58 several in the cabin nearly freezing in their berths through the gradually working up to -45 at 8 P.M. this evening, the curious sight of snow falling in our cabin with all the fire we can keep, caused by the skylights admitting air enough at the sides to freeze the vapor which makes hard work these windy days to keep warm sitting in the cabin with overcoats and deer skins on and cold at the other parts of the ship are warm enough with the exception of the galley where frost can make on the stove the therm: hanging on the cabin side of my stateroom stand at +50 with every thing shut

A Winter passed in Hudobons Bay

Friday, January 31st 1873.

Has been a fine day but cold the therm: standing about -40 falling latter part to -44 a light air from N.W. with frost smoke in the air so that could not see far. aboard all day. Broke out slaps for the men who needed them am trying parched corn for the scurvy, of my men there is but four who are scurvy ridden the rest are all well only some scared. My Blacksmith is very low and cant stand it long he seems to be all gone inside

Saturday, February 1st 1873

Light air from S.E. to E. through the with the therm at -30 in the middle of the day the frost smoke thick till the latter part of the day when it blowed off, went to the schooner and had a piece of raw seal given me to start the scurvy from my gums I am one of the ones elected but think I can keep it in check

Sunday 2^d

Has been a pleasant day with light air from S.E. to N.E. with therm: ranging from -40 up to -30 at noon. falling again at night to its old place -40. took a short walk and either my walk or my two meals of raw seal meat has given me pains in ankles and knees that are about equal to the first pull on a aching tooth which is not giving it its just due. our men are not any worse as I can see, although they must be failing I tried parched corn pounded coarse mixed with Malasses, and hot water it loosens them and the worst cases will not take more, it is not pleasant to be doctored as they will not be doctored, but the winter is passing away

Tuesday 4th

for the two days past the same light air from E to N. with the air full of frost smoke, and the therm: ranging from -30 to -45, the air is unhealthy with the air full of this smoke one has to breathe the frozen air our men are not so well as they are with the clear cold air the scurvy is increasing among the men and the bad cases are gradually failing. I have a severe cold settled on me which I hope will not amount to much, am looking day by day for the natives who should be working this way with this weather there has been times that they could have come over had they been near.

Wednesday January 5th 1873

Light breeze from NW and freshening no sign of our freezing across. the Ice had held in the S. had not moved for a week but to the N. open. the ther has been as high as -30 to day and as low as -38

Thursday 6th

At one last light was called and told that James Marshall was worse and a few moments later that he was dead. he was a Native of New York by the Shipping articles, though the crew say he belongs at Montreal. his age is down as 24 he had had this disease on him for a year before he came away. he was taken down here when we came ashore and has been failing ever since. made a coffin and owing to the weather could not bury him. Strong gale from NW. and the ther a -48 in the morning and -45 at noon.

Friday 7th

Fresh breeze from NW. with the ther at from -38 to -40 through the day dug a grave but owing to the cold did not bury our Shipmate as the men could not go as far without freezing so ends the day

Saturday 8th

Has been a very pleasant day with light airs from NW. the ther; at daylight was -44 at noon -37 read a sermon and prayer and the men sung a hymn and buried our Shipmate. My Survey paid took me on my return from the grave. the Ice looks as though the Chetiv's might get here soon and so ends

Sunday 9th

A fine pleasant day. with light airs from all quarters the ther; standing at seven AM at -42 and at noon at -32. the Ice to the North is reported to be froze across. but to my eyes there is a strip of water about three miles across between us and the main but looks favorable for freezing as there is more Ice fast to the Island than there has been yet shot one duck to day which I hear is for me and Mr. Potter a present from the shooter to be eaten raw entrails and all I shall go for it in the morning

James Marshall

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Monday: February 10th 1873

Has been a pleasant day and quite warm on the South
 then at 1 p.m. Side of the Ship, the Ice is froze to the N Main and
 -42 two Men have been over to day, it closed last night
 at 1 p.m. two of the Men from the Dible who are bad with
 30 the Scurvey have the Dysentery bad one of them
 must be near his end. Medicine will not work
 on him I shall look now for the natives

Tuesday 11th

Has been another very pleasant day with the ther:
 at 7 A.M. -39 at one p.m. -25 one Man went to the
 Island on the North Main, and was slightly frozen when
 he was not coming back. just as we were sitting down
 to supper the word came that Francisco Antonio is one
 of the crew of the Ansil Dible was dying before they could
 get forward he was dead, he is a Native of the Coast
 of Africa has been in his search two months with Scurvey
 there is several who are so far gone that it is doubtful
 if anything would revive them. the gunners were out
 with the usual success, and send

Wednesday 12th

A fresh breeze from S. with hazy weather, the gunners
 could find no water, buried the Man who died yesterday
 on the Island. No signs of natives and it is froze across.
 Shall look for them till they come. we need meat soon
 the ther: stood this morning at -20 and at one p.m. -5

Thursday 13th

First part of this day light air from the N.W. and
 pleasant, the gunners went out with the usual success
 in the middle of the day the wind breezed on, and
 growing cold. the Scurvey brigade was all under
 the horse, marching to the fidole unless we get meat
 soon some of them will drop off and it is doubtful
 if we can save them all even should we get plenty
 as they are nearly gone. the natives can come when
 they get this way and bring their sleds and I look
 for plenty next month. have been in the ship
 all day. As my legs have nearly refused duty
 the ther: this morning was at -20 at night
 it stood at -36 and a strong breeze from N.W.

Francisco Antonio

a Dible

Friday February 14th 1873.

First part strong breeze from NW, with the air full of frost smoke, the thermometer standing the lowest -40 highest -38 latter part wind came from NE, and dying away and so ends St Valentines day

Saturday 15th

Has been a cold dreary day with a fresh breeze from NW, and the air full of frost smoke, the thermometer ranging from -40 to -44 it takes hold of the Survey Men. they show these cold days, there is several very low, the cabin is almost a freezing temperature had to get under the bedclothes to day to get warm, I long for warmer weather

Sunday 16th

Fresh breeze from NW through the day with the same frost smoky weather. the thermometer standing at daylight at -40 at noon -35 at night at -50. I will give the routine of Sunday, we arise to breakfast at seven a.m. and the usual questions are asked and answered (always the same) how is your leg. After breakfast the most able are up under the black house for a walk, the same ones stirring around the cabin. (I count at present with the latter) there is a large amount of cursing done about themselves and the place, which probably should they see wrote down or ~~had~~ give it a second thought would make ashamed, we pass the time in that manner till noon and then till night the only difference weekdays is now and then a game of cards. My Sabbath to day has been passed as I have passed a number of days lately after breakfast walked the cabin till nine a.m. when my legs gave out entirely when laid down with several interruptions for medicine till dinner time the pain in my legs being a few grains harder than the goat could give beginning to leave after two p.m. since which I have walked the cabin by spells till nine p.m. which is bedtime so I will improve the hour and quit them retire.

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Monday February 17th 1873.

Had been a pleasant day with light airs from W with the thermometer at -40 at seven A.M. rising to minus 15 . Standing on the South Side in the sun at zero. they shot a seal at the house and sent us half which gives us just a bite around took a walk to the hill the ice still fast but not very solid as yet, a heavy gale from NW would take it away

Tuesday 18th

Commenced with strong breezes from SE. and blowing on to a heavy gale from same. in the ship all day with nothing to do. as usual. our pig died yesterday and what ailed him I can't make out we dissected him but he will not be eat at present. though we do such things yesterday I had a good supper off of an old ducks carcass minus the legs & wings, and I made a good meal off of the bones and clotched blood, the thermometer stood this morning stood at -23 , and middle & latter part at -12 and blowing heavy

Wednesday 19th

The wind backed to NE in the night and blowing heavy through the day. with snow the thermometer standing at seven A.M. at -20 middle of the day -12 and very cold at that temperature. have been in the ship all day with nothing to do. it is very tedious these blowy days when no one is out. read what I can but the day drags with all we can do. but the sun is bearing us fast and the light begins to look more cheering all that we need now is the fresh meat of our dreams.

Thursday 20th

First part strong breezes from NE. with driving snow latter part moderating some but still blowing fresh. the thermometer standing lowest at -20 highest -15 in the cabin all day. My legs are nearly played out can walk but little before they give out entirely have put on my plaster to day and leave me very sore. I can't see as our worst cases get any worse, there is but fever in our end of the ship that is clear of the scourge. and not as many at the other end of the ship we need the natives last

Friday February 21st

came in with fine weather and light variable air the therm. ranging from -23 to -16 took a walk as far as the hill which was all I could do, my stomach has given out the same as it was with the fever

Saturday 22nd

The same fine weather and light air took my walk to the hill and around the ship, two men went to the Island on the M. Main and back, the hunters get nothing, the therm. in the morning at -34 at noon -12 and so ends

Sunday 23rd

Another fine day and everybody that could get around off for a hunt, I took my steps to the hill and raised the natives on the ice, but they had been seen before and four or five had gone to meet them, I sent one of the Libb's officers to bring them here, but instead they went to the house and have since come here, but have nothing all that I seen is a second hand pair of stockings and a pair of shoes from his feet and wanted powder for them, but they can't buy me as cheap as they think we have all of their sick here and there is but one of the men forward, who can help himself and none in the steerage, and the dirtiest most helpless set that ever I saw and then try to play the odds on me but they will find they are mistaken, the therm. was, at daylight at -32 at noon at -10

Monday 24th

Our first part light air from NW and middle part freshening, have fourteen natives (not counting the sucking children) and got a single article from them, made them build an igloo out clear from the ship, and in the evening when we were discussing the subject a strange native waked in the cabin could make nothing of him but understood that there was more gone by sent out and found one more looking for the Libb brought him in and found he had two shoulders one ham and a liver of deer, so can have one feed tomorrow, the therm. standing in the morning at -20 at noon -10

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay.

Tuesday February 25th 1873.

Commenced with light airs from N.E. and pleasant with the therm: at Seven A.M. - 26 at one P.M. - 20 divided our deer meat amongst well and sick alike to be eaten raw, as I cant see that we can favor the sick as we are coming down all the time, and must have some well if they can be kept so, found that the sick had all gone back, after the first arrival of natives as they had brought nothing, the feed to day has enlivened them a little, I paid the natives large for it as a encouragement, and tell them that I pay powder for nothing but meat there is plenty of them coming this way but have nothing, shall have to depend on but the catching of walrus to save our worst men. So ends

Wednesday 26th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and thick weather with the therm ranging from -20 to -14 at noon James Garity departed this life. he had a consumptive look but Leucocy was the cause of his death. he was on the articles as belonging to New York, but belongs to Natick, Mass. Shortly after his death had another arrival of natives with no meat one man and two boys went back on a hunt, and one to bring his family so ends.

Thursday 27th

Strong gales from N.E. and thick weather with some snow, buried our shipmate this forenoon reading the service and a chapter in the bible the therm at seven A.M. at -20 at one -9 but the air is very cutting at the last two of the men are reported as not being able to live till morning Mr. Conner is with them

Friday 28th

Commenced with strong breezes from N.E. with the therm: at seven A.M. at -21. Middle part wind moderated some and backing a little more to the N. and at one P.M. the therm: was at -22 and growing cold through the latter part of the day had the natives out for Ice Capt Difford came up to day and offered to draw us down a lot when it came good weather but we have the natives our men are all laid up but three or four, the two men who were so low last night are better to day.

Saturday March 1st 1873.

Commenced with strong breezes from N.W. and freshening to a gale, one of the tough days of the winter the therm at seven A.M. at -35. at one P.M. at -30. and in the cabin near the same above have to wear overcoat in the cabin and can hardly keep warm one Native who had been hunting came home to day clean the ex Steward C.B. Tuttle sent a Note to me to day to buy Sugar & Butter, the money he raised by marking a head board for Mr Martin doing it voluntarily and then sending in a bill of two dollars for doing it he did not buy any Sugar nor butter

Sunday 2^d

Commenced with strong breezes from N.W. with driving snow, the ship swarming with Natives all day, had one come with his wife and two children who brought us the deer meat and went back the sled is coming tomorrow but no meat, our men are all failing and nothing but meat can save some of them. the latter part of the day wind about W. and moderated some the therm: lowest to day -28 latter part -18. So ends

Monday 3^d

Light breeze from W. through the day, with the therm: from -18 to -6 at night but the air did not show the heat, as it was cold to the face. a sled came to night which had gone to the Sch: had some of the Natives out hunting but saw nothing Mr. Conner went across and back to the main so ends

Tuesday 4th

Fresh breezes from N.W. and clear weather with the therm: -20 and falling some latter part aboard the ship all day doing nothing all day. there was a child born to the Sch: yesterday and was named the Abbie Bradford. the Natives hanging around all the time and selling their clothes so that they can't go off. they are the poorest off that ever since I have been here I have seen them. Nothing to eat nor wear our men are about the same as when February came in some are low enough to drop off at any time. My legs are a little better but can't trust them that little

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Wednesday March 5th 1873.

Commenced with fresh breezes from NW and the air full of frost smoke the ther: at -42 at Seven A M and at noon at -30 the latter part wind moderating some. bad weather for hunting after this noon we can expect some better weather and we need it as our men are failing and new ones coming down. So ends the day

Thursday 6th

Fresh breezes from NW through the day with the ther: at seven A M at -40 at noon -29 in the ship all day to cold to be out and hard work to keep warm in the ship can keep from freezing by hugging the stove a good part of the time, cant be more uncomfortable, one of the officers moved in to a snow house to day and so ends

Friday 7th

Strong breezes from W to NW with the ther: at Seven A M. at -32 and rising through the day to -10 the men made a complaint that they could not stand living with the sick men in the forecabin. so I shifted the sick ones from the steerage into the forecabin and took the well ones into the steerage we have eight of our men in the steerage who are able to get around all the Dicks men are down so that they cannot help themselves we have ~~seven~~ eight down forward and three of us in the cabin. but the well ones are far from well

Saturday 8th

Strong breezes from NW through the day, and clear weather the ther: was the highest at daylight. Standing at -19 falling to -26 through the day, the men who are sick. Some think I have turned them out to die and others look at it as being best for them, and say they will stir around more than they have done. we are so poorly off at present that we cannot get our ice without the natives, the Jespons being about three hundred yards from ship, nor can we open our provision without some of their help, have got a gang started for a deer hunt to start tomorrow but it is hard telling if they will start, as the weather is not the best, there has been no chance for going on the pack since the natives came and no chance for fresh from the water

Sunday. March 9th

Emil Bender
A Gibbs

Fresh breeze from S.W. to W. with clear pleasant weather with the therm at seven A.M. at -20 at noon at -10 this morning found Emil Bender one of the Gibbs Men dead buried him at noon. sewing the body up in canvass as we have no boards nor nails. without tearing down our house. Six of our Natives (four Men and two women) went to the Main on a hunt and had the other three we have out on the Ice they shot at a walrus but did not kill him. I took a walk of over two miles the first time I have been out since the 23rd ult. and feel better for the air. everybody is discouraged at getting no meat nor clothing. but I hope and think we shall get some yet.

Monday 10th

Commenced with light breeze from S.W. and pleasant weather our Natives had their usual success shooting at a walrus without killing him. one of my Natives came to ship bringing nothing but himself. and reports the Natives to be starving. five where he came from having starved to death his wife and child being two of the victims he shot a deer and buried it near Rankins inlet it looks dark ahead. there is a family coming that he had left on the way who were without anything to eat. took my walk to day. the therm being at seven A.M. at -20 at eleven A.M. at -18 at night at -40 our wants are great for meat. Meat, Meat

Tuesday 11th

Fine pleasant weather. With light wind from N.E. with the therm at about two P.M. at -24 and at five P.M. at -30 the only sound that I have observed it two of the Natives that went across Sunday came back clean. the ship caught a small seal. I was there and went down to the floe edge. Making my walk over three miles and don't feel tired. one of the Gibbs Men was reported as dead to night just after supper. but it was a faint and now is much better but there is many of them who can't stand it long. unless we get meat. I am going to start two Natives tomorrow for some meat one of them buried who came yesterday and if we can get it it will be a mouthfull a piece the two who came back to day saw plenty of deer and I am in hopes the other party will get one.

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Wednesday March 12th 1873.

Strong gales from E.S.E. to E. with the ther at Seven a.m. at -19 rising to -8 the change of weather carried off two of the Gibbs Men with the Scurvey, one dying at eleven last night the other at four this morning. I hired two Natives who went forty (miles, twenty and back) with three pieces of meat of which the sick ones had a Supper of soup, and a piece of raw all round. our Natives were out on the pack all day struck a walrus and parted their line, late sums to be against us. in getting a walrus, have them rigged again for tomorrow they have tried hard to day the wind had blowed so that a man could hardly stand, we could not bury the men had the funeral, and put them out on the house

Charles Stiles
Louis Antoine De Valle
A Gibbs

Thursday 13th

Commenced with fresh breeze from S.E. and snowing blowed very heavy in the night until midnight, the ther in the morning at Seven a.m. standing at +4 the highest it had been since the winter came on. one of my Men Frank Coleman died in the night. has starved himself to death. we buried the three in one Grave, and at noon had just finished when the wind came out N.W. and breezing, the ther standing at noon at +4 at five p.m. at -20 and blowing heavy we have fed out our last meat to day and don't see as it revives the men much. sent a small piece to the house the natives aboard all day have fitted them out with the best walrus gear we can make

Frank Coleman

Friday 14th

Commenced with strong breezes from N.W. and clear weather, with the ther. at Seven a.m. at -32 the warmest part of the day at -26 the latter part of the day the wind moderated and pleasant. the natives came to day bringing two deer and three live showing they had had a feast, and two quarters of bear which had been killed some time, we can tell now what virtue there is in the meat. some I am afraid several are too far gone, several reject it now made in a broth and sugar teats of raw, is the way they have it that is the sickest the others eat it raw, and so ends we have got to the end of our coal and have got to go on to the wreck

Saturday, March 15th 1873.

A cold but pleasant day with light airs from NE the the ther: at Seven A.M. at -41 at the warmest part of the day at -20. took my walk, and had a meal of fresh meat. the men I think improve some on the meat but some of them are very low, and I am doubtful of their recovery, they still keep coming down there is but one of the gibbs men clear from the scourge and he is in the house I have six men who are clear

Sunday 16th

Commenced with fresh breeze from SW and clear wind working to W. Middle part wind came out NW and growing cold. latter part three natives came to ship having left their sled on the ice say they have three deer so we took them in got some feet gear for part of my eight men, we have no one who can get out for ice or to open provision. two natives started for walrus but was not gone long as it was all water, have stoped the cooking of salt meat for a few days while we have fresh as I don't think it is of much use in small quantities our men seem to improve on the fresh diet. the ther: at Seven A.M. at -12 rising to -10 standing at noon at -18. so ends

Monday 17th

Commenced with a light breeze from N.W. with the air full of frosts smoke all day the ther: at Seven A.M. standing at -40 and not rising above -30 in the warmest part of the day, aboard the ship all day, our deer meat that I bought yesterday and ten salmon, was lost, except the smallest deer, a calf. Capt Dufferin with his men went out and backed it home, thereby doing what I call a handy trick we have on board this hulk eighteen men who can't get out of their berths and as many more that can't go out of the ship to get ice nor open provision and have nothing to burn but wood of which we have a little left, that has to be dug out of the snow and sawed and split, in a week or two we have got to bring it from the wreck of the Gibbs or commence to burn our house for fuel, and it looks as though we needed the meat to recruit our men. the sk: had one man who does not get out the rest of her survey men are out hunting and playing ball when the weather is fair and it was a fine thing to take our meat, shows well for the men who would do it

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Tuesday March 18th 1873

A cold disagreeable day with the wind to N.W. and the therm at seven A.M. at -48 the warmest part of the day, at -30 in the ship all day, doing nothing all day but trying to think out the future, Capt Difford starts tomorrow for the Main on a hunt and to buy the meat that he can fall in with away from us. I hope it may do him good.

Wednesday 19th

Commenced with light airs from N.E. and pleasant but cold, the therm standing at seven A.M. at -38 rising at three P.M. to -10, the wind hauling at noon to E. and latter part S.E. and blowing on strong, the natives all out, sunk a Seal, and shot at a walrus, Capt Difford came here this morning and said that I had broken an agreement made between us last fall, about mating and dividing our meat. No one here had any knowledge of such an agreement and he says for proof that our boats went to the Main but on looking at the dates, three boats one from each vessel went to the Main Sept 2nd returning Oct 5 with a small quantity of deer meat which was divided here to my vessel, Oct 17th two boats went one from the Gibbs and one from the Sch. and came back after the Gibbs event ashore and brought about five deer, which was divided between the two boats before they came to ship, each boat having half, so had there been an agreement made it was broken then, but had there been such an agreement I should have looked for my share then as I had just taken twenty eight men to my ship (making fifty-two) to live the winter on my stores, and naturally felt anxious about the shortness of our stores and inability to meet the winter as we should be says I have not done an honorable thing the winter &&&

Thursday 20th

Reminds me that I am one year older, the first part of the day, fresh breeze from S with the therm at -18 all the natives out on the pack and arrived about six P.M. with a walrus they had found dead killed they say by the Ice, was a small one but very welcome makes us quite a supply again, of meat some of the men wont eat it and I dont think can save them, has been the warmest day of the year the therm standing at two P.M. at +10 and at sunset at zero. So ends with a dead calm

Friday, March 21st 1873

Charles Sincer
A Gibbs

Commenced with light breeze from S. and hawling to west the ther; at six A M at -2 rising through the day to +10 at two P M Charles Sincer died has been in his berth for two and a half months, with survey; he belonged to the A Gibbs. was a Native of Germany latter part fresh breeze from N W, with thick downy weather, have been to work for the first time for a long time, have begun to work on my boat which I may have to go home in

Saturday 22nd

A Gibbs

Commenced with Strong gales from S.E. with thick driving snow. all the natives out on the pack but could get nothing the Ice packed so close a walrus could not get out, our men that are very far gone the meat don't seem to do them much good, though they eat a good quantity, our meat will be gone tomorrow a walrus don't stand long with our gang eating nothing else, the ther this morning at six A M stood at -1 and in the middle of the day at +14 latter part clear sky to N.E. but still blowing strong from S.E.

Sunday 23rd

Miguel Ignacio
A Gibbs

Fresh breeze through the day from N.E. to E, Moderating just at night, the ther; at six A M -5 the warmest part of the day at +2. two of our natives were out on the pack all day and brought in three ducks. the Ice is packed in so heavy that the walrus have fluted out to more open water. This morning the Cooper of the Angel Gibbs departed this life, had the service read and buried them both in one grave, as we could not muster the men out yesterday to bury the one who died Friday on account of the weather Capt Dufford returned today from the main with two deer. and left an officer there with two natives who I think have come behind him at least two of them have, I shall try to start some one tomorrow or next day. he has had the use of one of ^{our} dogs on his expedition to get meat away from us poor disabled men I think he shot his deer but that his intention was to waylay natives was what he went on as well as to hunt I feel sure, the prospect ahead looks dark, but we will meet it as well as we are able I can see the effects of the meat on our men who are not so far gone but what they are able to be up, the worst cases I don't know but what it hurrys them off.

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Monday March 24th 1873.

fresh breeze from SE and spitting snow all day four of our natives went walrus hunting and brought in a half a one, having had one of the Sch. natives with them who drewed a half share, but lost some of it by the ice moving off, we can go in again for a day or two, on fresh, the then at six A M at -2. Middle part at +10 has been a bad day for snow blindness have had some of the men out of their benches, in the hospital today and washed themselves for the first time for a long while, took a good walk to day.

Tuesday 25th

Strong gales from NW through the day with driving snow. Had my expedition to the main ready to start but give it up as it blowed too hard, nothing of note transpired to day, excepting one of the snow houses fell in and they had to build another, the then at six P M at -10, at two P M at -20 and so ends

Wednesday 26th

Commenced with strong gales from NW with driving snow, the then at six A M. at -32, and in the warmest part of the day at -22. one of my men John A Graham died this morning at seven A M. of scurvy and shortly after heard of the death of Murray A Mc. Connel at the house one of the Gibbs men. Graham hails from Lowell, Mass could not bury them owing to the weather, when will this end, it is like a plague, them that eat the fresh meat seem improve, but some will not eat it, latter part wind dying out some and the then at -24 So ends

John A Graham 0 left
Murray A Mc Connel
Gibbs

Thursday 27th

Fresh breeze from NW with clear weather with the then at six A M at -32. dug two graves and had the service and buried the two men who died yesterday went to the graves and found it was as cold to feeling as any day the winter when I came back the then at -26, and the native children were out playing ball half clothed and I had hard work to keep from freezing, the warmest part of the day the then at -22 falling again latter part to -32 the weather holds cold for the season, it seems as though we should have some warm weather. the Sch. folks make out that their natives shot at struck the last walrus, but it is not so.

Friday March 28th 1873.

Light breeze from N.W. through the day with clear weather. Mr Conner started for the Chain with three natives on a hunt the ther; at five A.M. at -36 rising in the middle of the day to -14 and at dusk at -23. took a short walk and so ends.

Saturday 29th

Commenced with light air from N.E. with clear pleasant weather with the ther. at eight A.M. at -20. wind came out S.E. and blowing on at once, one of the Little Boatsteerers died this morning of the Scurvy. had the services and buried him this morning. four of our natives out on the pack all day without seeing anything. one native came to the sch; and a sled went after his wife. there is several families close to but no meat the ther; the warm part of the day at +5 at seven P.M. blowing strong from S.E. with the ther at -6 had to drive some of our men out that are living aft as they are getting worse with all our meat.

Sunday 30th

First part fresh breeze from S.E. and cloudy breeze freshening and latter ^{part} snowing, all of our natives out all day on the pack without seeing anything. they are having an Anacoat to night several natives came to the sch; to day, they have nothing to eat at home so they are fasting here, we are going to come short of Drub. unless we look out sharp. our Scurvy is stayed on all who have eat the meat that they could get, and moved what they were able, others who keep in their healths and have not eaten what they could get are growing worse, it looks to me as though we should lose one half. a fearful story it will be the sufferings of this winter but had the men been of a mind we need not have had so much of this scourge some of them see it now others are the same as they were in the fall and winter. and will die so they will not do what will do them any good will not when they see others improving around them and want all kind of medicines which will do them no good (they get them when I have them) My Cooper is the worst one and his influence has been bad. I sent the other morning for a dose of physic I sent him Epsom Salts. in the course of half an hour he sent another for a dose of oil, having throwed the salt away, he will say I have done nothing for the sick, but I have done all I could and some will say so. the ther; at seven A.M. -10 warmest part of day +3

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Monday March 31st 1873.

First part fresh breezes from S.E. and backing in to N.E. with the ther: at Seven A.M. at -4 warmest part of the day at +12 latter part Mr Conner came back with three deer which will carry us a couple of days longer shall have none of it cooked for the sick ones, as I think it will do more good.

Tuesday April 1st

A fine day with light breeze from N.W.E. Several Natives came to ship to day, bringing nothing but skins, which we cant get made up. but shall need them for bedding several of our worst scurvey men have been moving some to day, one who was one of the worst was playing ball. the ther: was at -2 this morning and rose to +2 and at +2 at dark

Wednesday 2^d

Light wind from N.W.E. through the day with clear pleasant weather; the ther: at Six A.M. at -14 rising the warmest part of the day at +2 two sleds came to ship one stopped to me they had nothing but skins which I took and paid them the same as all the rest. Some of the men seem to be gaining some as they are out some so ends

Thursday 3^d

Light breeze from N.E. and hazy, with the ther: at Seven A.M. at -4 the warmest part of day at +10. the Natives are all going on a hunt tomorrow and are having a big ~~hunt~~ Anacoot and have been in on a visit to see them I dont think much of thier performance and so ends

Friday 4th

Fine weather with light breeze from N.E. to S.E. our Natives were to stand but instead built a large snow house for a big Anacoot which I attended in the evening. the ther: rose to +17 in the middle of the day beginning to show a little moisture on the sunny side of the ship two Natives out on the track saw several walrus but could not get near them, so ends

Saturday April 5th 1873

Fine weather with the same N.E. air latter part hauling to S.W. two sleds of our natives started for a hunt the last comers were to start but did not, when they leave we shall be well cleaned out of the natives, the ther at six A.M. at -2 at noon at +20 So ends

Sunday 6th

Calm, and light airs from all quarters, a warm day for the season had several of our sick men out on a walk, our natives have not left us yet, as some of them are unwell, had been a poor day for our hunters as it is so calm, the ther. rose to +15 in the middle of the day and seemed very warm on account of their being no wind, some of our men seem to be improving fast, (the men that move) but others I am afraid will never come out from below until they are brought out, our meat is done after tomorrow till we can catch or buy more the men are all lousy and destroy their clothes and will be naked by & by, and so ends

Monday 7th

Commenced with strong breezes from S. and at eight A.M. commenced to snow. the natives gave up going again, the ther at six A.M. at zero. at one P.M. at +26 the warmest yet, but at four P.M. wind came out N.W. and growing cold fast, rather bad weather for our sick men have done a little work towards fixing my boat and put a piece of steel on a natives gun. and so ends the day

Tuesday 8th

First part wind N.W. and cloudy with the ther. at seven A.M. at -12 cleared off pleasant wind working to N. and latter part N.E. and cloudy the natives that were to leave have got started the warmest part of the day was but +6. gave the men that could get out some clothes the men who are on their backs have none as they say and shall give them just what is needed to cover their nakedness as they are bound to give them away for any little thing that they want done

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Wednesday April 9th 1873.

First part calm with the ther; at -8. Wind came out N W a fresh breeze. Started with my gun but did not get far as the snow was blowing lively. latter the same, the warmest part of the day at +10. and so ends the day

Thursday 10th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N. and pleasant with the ther; at seven A.M. at -12. Rising the warmest part of the day to zero. a part of our natives came back from the main, bringing nothing to us but two deer to the sekri: our meat is gone and some of the men will not get well. they will not move. I found to day they were burning shooks in the forecabin, that were stowed in the fore peak. I refused them but a short time ago, as there was plenty of wreck that could be got, when the weather was good. but they won't be moved. I drove one of them forward to day from where they are living in the storage I have stood over him with deer's blood but he would not drink it, but keeps just about so that he can move. I shall be glad when the time comes that I can get out of the way for a short time, we are very likely to lose half of our men just on account of their own mutinous conduct, and later of their weak will, them that have tried to get up since we first got fresh are smart and improving all the time, and some of the worst cases they were, there is the others lay in their beds and will till they die, latter part wind and weather the same,

Friday 11th

Fresh breeze from N W and pleasant. through the day, the ther; at seven A.M. standing at -12. Rising the warmest part of the day to -1 the air feels as cold as it did in midwinter and keep in the house as close as we have any time. I must muster my energies and get out more than I have as I do need exercise badly, exercising one day and then laying still the next don't do I feel well after a good walk, but to lay still the next I don't feel well but we must have warm weather soon so ends the day and page

Saturday April 12th 1873.

Fresh breeze from W. N. W. through the day with pleasant weather, but quite cold to be out the ther at seven A M at -12 and riding to zero in the warmest part of the day and so ends the day.

Sunday 13th

Light breeze from W. N. W. with pleasant weather one of our natives left with several others some from the sek^{ts} and some that I don't know where they do belong. our remaining natives found a walrus on the floe and had to shoot at him after they had sent for the harpoon and the result was no walrus for supper. All the survey men are rather going back. the ther at seven A M stood at -6 riding warmest part of the day to +4. And so ends the day.

Monday 14th

Commenced with light breeze from N. W. and clear weather breezing through the day, latter part fresh gale from same. the ther at -10 at seven A M and rose to zero in the warmest part of the day. our natives missed another walrus to day with their gun when they might have struck him so ends the day.

Tuesday 15th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N. W. and clear weather but cold. a native child died to day. Several of our men are very low. and I am afraid a change of weather will carry them off. the ther at seven A M at -10 rising at night to +8. the wind backing to S and blowing on strong, and clouding up for a storm.

Wednesday 16th

Through the night blowing strong from S. and hauling to W. at daylight and blowing fresh and cloudy. the ther at seven A M at +22. and standing the warmest part of the day, the same. and falling gradually through the afternoon to +10 wind came out N. W. and blowing fresh and clear. No news from our natives who have been gone eleven days. so ends

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay.

Thursday, April 17th 1873.

Strong breezes from N.E. and cloudy with the ther: at Six Am. at +10. the warmest part of the day at +14 and growing cold toward night and blowing on strong, and so ends the natives get

Friday 18th

Strong gales from N.E. and latter part backing to N. in the ship all day, the ther: at Six A M standing at -2 and rising to +8. a part of the natives came to the Sch: and house, but none of ours. came. I had a quarter of deer sent from the house, cut it up and it was divided raw and gone quicker than it takes me to write this meat stands a poor chance with us poor scurvey cholelens hambres. I shall be glad when I can get enough to live on it. ~~But~~ it is not far distant I hope

Saturday 19th

Commenced with a heavy gale from N.W. with driving snow, blowing through the past night so as to make the ship tremble in her bed of snow and see as though she had her spars aloft, the ther at near zero all day at night moderating some and hauled to N.E. so ends

Sunday 20th

At sunrise feel fair for a pleasant day with light airs from N.E. but the wind freshened, and the sun shut in and had been a thick snowy day took a walk of some six miles and feel better for it hard walking as there is so much light ~~going~~ snow sinking in some places to ones middle, the ther at six A M at +5 and rising warmest part of day to +18 the change of weather had affected our sick men as they are worse to day, the wind latter part from E.N.E. to N.E. with a spitting of snow, our natives are not going to get us much more meat for a while as they are nearly all going to leave soon for a long stay but there will be some new ones to come from whom we may get some meat, I think of trying a journey to the main myself soon, or to try my luck at hunting as well as in getting across I am getting strong so that I think I can stand it

Monday April 21st 1873.

Fresh breeze from N.E. through the day with thick hazy weather, a cold raw day unpleasant to be out and bad for sore eyes, the ther. at six A.M. standing at +19. and rising to +22. the warmest and so ends.

Tuesday 22nd

First part of the day fresh breeze from N.E. and clear pleasant weather, no sign of our natives, they are seventeen days, and were to stay from five to ten, at noon Manuel Lewis one of the boatswains of the A. Dibbs departed this life from summer, at eleven A.M. he sent aft for vinegar which I sent him and after drinking some (~~the~~ weather clear or with water I don't know which) said he felt better: at twelve when his dinner went down they found him dead, had we not have had the two deer taken from us we might have stayed the scourge but as it was not to be willed so we must bear it and there is more that must go, I wish I could do something to stay it we may get a walrus soon, the ther. at six A.M. at +20 and rising to +17 latter part wind light from N. and pleasant Bar. the highest I have seen it the voyage, standing at 30.60

Manuel Lewis
A. Dibbs

Wednesday 23rd

Fine weather, with light breeze from N. and a clear cold air, the ther. at six A.M. at zero, warmest part of the day +18 the Sch. had a boat off and caught a seal

Thursday 24th

Light air from N. to N.E. and pleasant the best day of the season, had a boat off all day and caught nothing, the Sch. boat caught another seal, the ther. at six A.M. at zero warmest part of day at +22. our natives came to day bringing nine deer and some skins they have been gone fifteen days, and must have eat some of it, it come in a frozen mass, so that could say how much there was, now I hope we shall not run short again there is some of the men that I don't think can be saved, took some of the sails off the house to dry them some, and so ends.

A Winter passed in Hudsons Bay

Friday April 25th 1873

Fresh breeze from N and clear pleasant weather but cold. the boats out all day without bringing anything to ship. they sunk a Seal. working some clearing up round the ship and so ends a Native who left us two weeks ago came back having lost one of his wives since he left us

Saturday 26th

Strong breeze from N.W. with driving snow in the ship all day. will pass for a cold day the ther^m in the skylight at six ft on stand at +5. and much colder outside had some clothes washed for some of the sick ones who say they cant get out as they have no clothes, but the decks are full of them and many of them knew that I have given them this winter

Sunday 27th

A fresh breeze from W and hauled to N.W. and cloudy. a cold raw day in the ship all day. turned one of the men from the steerage to the forecabin. for being loney. was sick with a sore throat and I sent him a dose of salts and some vinegar and salt for a gargle, and told him to put a stocking or flannel around his throat. he did not like the mode of doctoring. and brought up in the forecabin so ends

Monday 28th

A fresh breeze from N.W. and cloudy another cold day to cold to work out of doors. aboard of the ship all day. found out three new thieves this morning two weeks ago yesterday we were near all absent from the cabin, and Newel, Rivers, and George Towle, three of my men took the chance to go in to the hold and opened our sugar & rice and laid in a supply since that time they have lived on rice and sugar. we opened the cask next day and had strong suspicions that it had been opened and to day it come out. the destroyed the remains of the sugar to escape detection. I have sent them forward, and in future shall go to the extent of the law with them if caught. have moved our few remaining stores in the steerage. the water begins to flow in our hold. but dont run out when the tide is out it cant reach our cabin floor I dont think so

Thursday May 1st 1873.

A clear pleasant day with fresh breeze from N.W. and hailing to N.E. rather cold for Mayflowers for the past two days have had ~~had~~ the same cold weather, with N.W. winds. the Sch^{rs} started for the point today, and came back to night. we can muster but two men at present from our crew, the sick ones dont improve any that I can see. Nor will they, as they will not move, we are not going to get any whaling done on account of the men we have one boat and it takes all hands. we can tell better by & by

Sunday May 4th

A fresh gale from S.W. with snow the first part of the day hailing latter part to N.E. and thick cloudy weather the snow melts as it falls on deck. but clear of the ship the there is about +28 the Serurvey does not seem to be stayed by our meat. I can see no improvement in the worst cases, those that have got out in the air improve fast. our nine deer are about gone. I shall go across this week and try to get a little, there is nothing that I can do here, but the natives may get a deer or two, we can muster two men forward now from both ships have six others who can get on deck themselves, aft there is no one now but what is round though there is some who say this is the state of the men at the first part of May

Wednesday May 7th

The weather is getting a little more like spring for two days. past the there in the shade standing about +30 yesterday the snow was melting fast on the land with a bright sun. this day comes in with heavy gale from N.E. with snow. two natives came to us with fourteen deer, for one of came day before yesterday and his meat today. two of our natives with dog and our sled yesterday to meet them also two from the Sch^{rs} and they carried twenty two deer there, they are bound to have a native opposite here ^{on the margin} to meet the new comers. to try to get the most we shall eat nothing but fresh now till this is gone, and shall cook it instead of eating it raw, as the men that are the worst do not eat their raw I feel sure, and I wish to see if it had the same virtue cooked as raw, latter part blowing heavy, and so the day

Sunday May 18th 1873.

Find everything in these parts moving at its usual rate and we the same. Had been a very warm day all of our sick men on deck but two who would not get up no way some of them are very low and I do not think they can get up. Some of them that were the worst are improving fast. I went over to the Main the 9th and returned the 14th having had but one day that we could venture out of doors the weather being as bad as in March the day I left we put natives who brought us twenty Deer, and two families came while I was over there bringing four, but they disappear rapidly we eat no other Meat the men who are sick having three meals cooked and a fourth one raw. Some of the natives who came first left to day, some not to come back, and there will be some more leave soon, we shall have about so many all summer. As one gang will come another will go. We have had three very fine warm days have got our boats out and shall begin to repair them and get them in the water as soon as possible, the sk² is sawing ice in around the vessel. but when she is going out is not known.

Sunday May 25th

Have had fine pleasant weather for the past week. better than ever I have seen in the country before and the spring is more advanced. the ice looks more like the middle of June, the snow is off of the land and ponds are all open to day. have had several to move the past week Capt McPherson had moved down near the sk² and I hardly ever see him he went off without saying anything about leaving and I knew nothing about it till he was gone. I am sure I have done all I could for him and crew, in sharing my all with them, but I think Capt Dufford should help to furnish them with powder for the summer, he has done nothing whatever towards helping them to this state, the natives are coming and going all the time and we have about the same number here all the time, they have caught a walrus to day and will now get a good part of their living, the sk² will get out in a few days unless the ice comes in to hinder them, we have our boats near ready but have but three men able to go in them.

Sunday June 1st 1873.

For the past week have had rather windy weather a little rain, the snow is near all gone and ponds are well open. the Sch: A Bradford went out the 29th of May. there had not been any ice seen from the Island for twenty days or more, it had been the clearest of Ice ever seen here, the ice bridge between us and the Main still holds good. the Sch: natives left to day. our sick do not improve as they should there is one who has gone back since we plenty of fresh meat and two others who do not gain any. the others seem to gain fast. we have only our own men living with us now excepting one boat crew from the Gibbs get there meat here they live in tents. we shall try and start off with two boats this week for a cruise to the north to look for whales, and something to eat. have got to man my boat with natives, and can not do much towards whaling, to day found flowers in bloom. the squaws caught eighteen trout, and also found a cask of Molasses that was saved from the Gibbs had been broken open and two thirds gone with the bung out, it had been buried in the snow all winter and at the time ~~to~~ it must have been drawn out we had a cask on the forecabin open and better Molasses they were bound to steal and destroy all they could, they have had all they wanted all winter. the season seems to be about two weeks earlier than common but one thing we have not had here the snow that I have usually seen.

Sunday June 8th

Strong gale through the day from the N.E. and cloudy cold weather the ice is going fast from the shores and between us and the Main. have had fresh winds from Eastward the past week. have been ready to start on a hunt up Chesterfield inlet but the wind has delayed us shall start as soon as can get a favorable wind our sick are all living in a tent ashore but I can't see any gain as yet. have made three tents for boats and have the rest of our sails out drying, have coopered our bread and flour. have three casks flour and five bread. that are full, our natives are but few in number now we are out of fresh and shall have to do our own hunting in future I want to try a diet of eggs, and am going to try and find some. and also look for whales and a better harbor for wintering there is no game at all at this Island

A Boat journey to Chesterfield Inlet

Monday June 9th 1873.

Left the ship with two boats manned by four of our men, and the rest natives, light airs from S. passed the N.E. end of the Island at one p.m. breeze freshening from S steering to N.E. at five or six became to a pack of ice that could not pass and hauled out on the floe which was very rotten, had to fleet our boats several times the floe breaking up under us we pitched our tents over the boats, blowing heavy through the night from S. got no sleep. Wet and as uncomfortable as one can well be, two of my natives left me, and one of Capt MacPherson, who is in company, they were scared and preferred the land to sleep on, they would have all left had I not done some tall talking.

Tuesday 10th

Wind came out S.W. fresh. a native came off to us with some salmon and deer meat, the tribe were in sight coming to us but we launched our boats and started when they were a mile away. Run to the N.E. the wind came out N.W. strong, landed at three p.m. about ten miles S. of Chesterfield inlet, and pitched our tents on the land a half mile from the floe where we landed, had a square meal, our first since leaving the wreck, and feel better than a partridge and so ends the day, some good sleeping to do.

Wednesday 11th

Fine weather with wind from N to N.E. all hands on the hunt for deer, saw two from tents when we we turned out, I saw some fifteen through the day, and shot twice at a long shot, the natives were firing all the time but did not kill any. Mr Potter wounded one, and the natives fell in with him and brought him home, a large buck. two of our natives started in the morning at five a.m. without eating anything and were going upon a run all day, and do not seem tired after backing their deer home, at nine p.m. wind came out S. strong

for something to eat

Thursday June 12th 1873.

The wind hauled in the night to N.W. and blowing heavy, was afraid of our tent leaving us; as we are exposed to all the wind that blows. I slept well until ten in the morning, had breakfast at twelve, hauled one of the boats in to a safer place, blowing strong all day. Slept most of the day the natives shot a deer and brought him home and also a seal, found a few eggs. so we are supplied for a few days.

Friday, 13th

throughout the night the wind moderated froze as much as it would in a December night at home the day has been a cold raw one the natives did not go for deer, I was out all day but got nothing one of our natives shot four seal. so we have plenty to eat. the wind went nearly around the compass blowing strong from S.W. latter part and snowing found a few eggs and shot some partridge

Saturday 14th

blowing strong from N.E. snowing all night, and a real winters day, about six or eight inches of snow, and drifted in the tent all day, had breakfast at twelve and dinner at eight P.M. can keep no form of the time only by the sun as we have no watch, eat when we are hungry and sleep when we are sleepy is our motto. can keep warm only under the skins in the tent.

Sunday 15th

Fresh breeze from N. to N.W. and cool. some of the natives hunting and some for eggs. I got a couple dozen of gull and goose eggs and well wet in washing to them, and some cold in the bargain. two natives came to us from those we saw the other day, the tribe will be along to morrow. Saw the Sch. bound to S.W. shot two seal one goose and two partridge so ends the day

A boat journey to Chesterfield Inlet

Monday June 16th 1873.

Strong breeze from N. in the morning Capt McPherson shoved off and started at eight A.M. beating to the N under a reefed sail, the wind died out at noon and we struck our tent and started about one P.M. caught a seal before we left saw two whales at the Hoe edge shot a seal in the water and saved him left eight at our last camping place taking only the skins landed on the Island south of the Inlet at the same time the other boat boat died who started five hours ahead.

Tuesday 17th

Light breeze from S. our natives started for the main to fish, and I took my boat and went over to the North side of the Inlet to the egg Island, as we landed a herd of deer left having scented us before we landed, there is no eggs but will be soon, but we cant stay to wait for them, beat my boat back with a fresh breeze as quick as we went with a fair wind some ten miles in two hours and a half, our natives have not returned.

Wednesday 18th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N.E. Should start back were our natives here as we can get but poor living here at present and to the N the there is a long way from land. latter part strong breeze from same saw two flocks of natives camp opposite to us on the main two children came to us who report the set with four whales our natives still away.

Thursday 19th

Commenced with light breeze from N.E. a fair wind but our natives have not returned, the wind freshened to smart gale and the ice set in on us at night but very little water in sight, none the way we wish to go, our natives came this afternoon with four and a half deer and a few salmon which were soon on cooking and not long after devoured seven or eight of the other natives came with them

After something to eat

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Friday June 20th 1873.

Laying in the tent waiting for a change of wind to get the ice off, our neighbors still with us. the wind dying out through the day and latter part backed to N. and light the ice started off a little in the mouth of the Inlet. but a walk to the S. end of the Island showed a heavy pack in against the ice to S. the Island is about four miles long to walk and so ends.

Saturday 21st

First part light breeze from N to N.E. the ice in sight yesterday and today boiling. the ice we can't get our boats in the water latter part light air from S. a large piece of ice broke out from the mouth of the Inlet. Sooner we have to stay here much longer shall take another look at our egg Island, our natives left to stay all but two, excepting the three who are going back with us, and so ends the day.

Sunday 22nd

Fine weather with calm, the first part, and the mosquitoes as thick as they can be. A breeze came from S. the middle part of the day, started for the egg Island with one boat and tent. to stay should we find eggs. we pitched our tent and looked the Island over and found two ducks eggs and six Dull eggs. made my mind up for a good supper for myself and Mr Potter, but started my fire and five of my eggs were bad. eat three then started home. about ten p.m. the ducks will lay some ten days hence.

Monday 23rd

We arrived home about one p.m. and went to bed. had breakfast at ten and dinner at six a fresh breeze from S. the ship stood in close to land and Capt McPherson went aboard. she has six whales making her 550^{lbs} all told reports solicit pack to S. she has seen whales along the coast but no large body. she whaled it different from what we have done before. trying to shoot them without striking has lost two the capt got a few permits from her so we shall not go hungry yet

A boat journey to Cheltenham Inlet. after something to eat

Tuesday June 24th 1873.

Wind from S.E. to S.W. fresh with heavy rain the water came through one side of my tent but as there is but four of us in it we can keep all clear on the lee side. latter part cleared foggy and so ends.

Wednesday 25th

First part foggy cleared up in the forenoon went over to the S. end of the Island and could see some open water to S. came back at at four p.m. (light water) the only time we could launch our boats we started with light wind from all quarters. got some six miles and found we could go no farther and the floe so rotten could not haul our boats out we came back to the Island and camped on the S. end.

Thursday 26th

Had an early breakfast and started with a strong W.W. wind. after had run some fifteen miles, the blowing a gale, off the land and very dangerous running among the ice which is breaking up all that is not aground. Starting, we hauled up to the edge of the floe and lay by our anchors to the ice. My boat is flying light there being but four of us in her, but she will hold her wind but Mr Potter can't keep up his boat goes square to leeward. Capt McPherson started alone about three p.m. and about five we went along three or four miles when came to an opening in to the land left one boat on some grounded ice and put all the stuff in mine and pulled ashore. had supper and turned in.

Friday 27th

First part strong breeze from N.W. got ready to start when it commenced raining put up one tent and waited till it stopped about ten a.m. in launching our ^{dot} boat (mine was ^{anchored} in the water) stove her so that we could not mend her to get her to ship. waited to get her to a safe place which delayed us two hours & that did not get ready to start till noon. left the boat on the land with her oars and sail in her. took all in my boat and started with a strong breeze from N. to N.E. Arrived at ship at eight p.m. where we heard that we were starving and adrift on the pack. but we brought some fresh meat home with us and all twice the ^{dot} that left five men strong.

Saturday June 28th 1873.

Fresh breeze from N.W. and pleasant weather find the men have improved in health excepting four who I put in a tent. they will not try to get well, they trade all their clothes for tobacco of the natives, and to be waited on, there is not one that has had the scurvy but what as soon as he would try a little exertion would soon be better we have a walrus on hand now for fresh. Mr. Williams of the A. Gibbs is sick here has the erysipelis with scurvy cant move himself. Mr. Simmons is in his tent with the rheumatism and scurvy and cant move a limb. boat left today for the main with four of the Gibbs Men one of mine and a native I did not know my man was going till they had gone. they took the tent, one gun, and I dont know how much grub. Mr. Conner is getting ready to start tomorrow. latter part wind S.W.

Sunday 29th

Fresh gale from S.E. with rain. Middle part backing to N.E. and raining hard. latter part we discovered a bear on the ice astern of the ship eating our walrus blubber. started the natives and they shot him but he got in to the water in the outer harbor before he died. made him fast to rocks and so ends raining yet. Mr. Conner started some time towards morning.

Monday 30th

First part fresh gale from N. and cloudy, very cold. went out and brought my bear in and skinned him, and opened some provisions and latter part wind N.E. strong and clear. Barometer low. so ends the month of June colder than it was in May.

Tuesday July 1st 1873.

First part of the day strong gales from N.E. with snow and rain latter part heavy rain and blowing strong a cold dreary day Bar. low and still falling.

Wednesday 2nd

Strong gales from N. to N.W. and cloudy, with some rain. cold as the month of May the ther. in the skylight stands at .35. hauled a boat from the harbor ice to the land. the harbor ice is all broke up but the piece jam so that it cant get out. the barometer is rising a little. but the weather dont look right yet. Stopped feeding the natives who are here in the boat, latter part wind backed to N.W. and breaking away

The Summer in Hudson's Bay

Thursday July 3rd 1873.

Strong breezes from N.W. to W.N.W. and cloudy. the boat that went last Saturday, returned to day. they saw whales twice (near to Whale Cove, I should judge) going along the land to N. Saw the Sch; from the hill to night off the N.E. end of the Island. there is some ice that had left the shores in sight to E. and S. our harbor ice is half gone the last two days.

Friday 4th

Fresh breezes from W.N.W. with rain squalls. through the day, shared a little powder and fired a slate of one gun in honor of the day. Set the ensign on a pole and my Masonic flag on my boat, that is as far as we could go, the utmost of our means of keeping the day. we are a handful of diseased men living most of the time on food that is as poison to us. I took a long walk to the little Island on the North side after Eggs. all that I got was wet feet, and legs. Nor can you see any game the ducks, & are all drove from the Island, the natives who were here in a boat have left to day. they are of no use to us now, here can we get a few deer from them for our sick we will be grateful,

Sunday 6th

Light breezes yesterday, and to day from all points of the compass. with frequent showers of rain. the Mosquitoes are so thick that can hardly live out of doors. eyes and face are full all the time, they have not got blow yet but will as the door is open near half the time with some passing out or in, our men who are across on the Chain must have their share of them, how they can breed so in a day is beyond my comprehension, the therm is the shade is but little above 50 in the warmest part of the day and below 40 through the night, have laid in my berth most of the day to keep clear of the animals. We are so that we need bleeding, as much as they take from us. our sick do not improve the least they will not use any exertion at all, and I can see no possible chance of their recovery, one is past all aid, the other three are just where they were three months ago. they can cure themselves if they would exert themselves but they will not they are sick and are bound to be sick and lay as still as possible, all (and some worse than they have been) who have used exercise in large quantities are well or nearly so.

Wednesday July 9th 1873.

George Hadley

For the past two days the same bad weather blowing a gale part of the day, with rain, this morning the Sun came out bright and blowed strong till noon from N.E. when moderated down and fine weather, built a new tent and moved our sick men to it and give them a suit of clothes to put on. at noon heard of the death of one of the Libb's men, George Hadley with summer, the fiftieth one this winter, attended the funeral this afternoon. latter part light breeze from N.W.

Sunday July 13th

Bad weather for the last few days, today the wind has blowed all around the camp, and pleasant till middle of the afternoon when ~~clear~~ had a thunder shower, after which came out pleasant again, Mr. comers came back today after his two weeks cruise all looking well, and hearty they shot one deer, and with ducks made out well for fresh, after they arrived we had another unwelcome arrival of the same Native boat that left us a week ago bringing nothing that would pay for a meal they will not stay long if I can get them off latter part wind N.E.

Wednesday 23rd

Last night the Sch^{re} Abbie Bradford came in the outer harbor full and bound home. as I found out by one of my men who went aboard of her. this morning I went aboard to ask for a passage home for my men, as I went alongside Capt. McPherson was leaving and I was met by Capt. Dufford with a storm of abuse and insult. I said nothing to irritate him in the least. told him I had not come to quarrel but to look for a passage home for my men. he would not talk but to abuse me said we had for rather I had tried to hinder him from getting a voyage, and that I could go to hell with my men, and that we should not one of us come aboard of his vessel while he lived, he said I had men living under me who would come down on me as soon as they could get clear from me, and must have meant Capt. McPherson and men. it seem hard that men who have lived with me for the long winter that has past and after dividing everything in the ship with them and losing four men and having all hands sick on their account to be told that they will come down on me as soon as they can get clear of me. I have told Capt. McPherson

The Summer in Hudsons Bay.

Wednesday July 23rd 1873.

that he was not under me many times but should look out and stick up for his men, but he had always said that he had nothing to do with them and did not want anything to do with them. when Capt Dufford and myself had the quarrel about meat, he said he would have nothing to do with it, but that he knew what was right and what was wrong and when he got where he could talk he would. I told him it was his duty to look out for his men. but I will follow my mate back from to day. we have been getting ready for a look to the N. for vessels, and fresh

Went to see Capt Dufford this morning he insulted me in every way he could and refused to carry me or any of my men home. Left the ship at two p.m. for whale point to look for ships leaving Mr Conner with the sick ones behind light airs from all quarters and calm. landed on Rabbit Island and slept a few hours.

Thursday July 24th

Started after having coffee at three a.m. light airs and calm. At noon a breeze sprang from E. beat up to Cape Galabert, where we landed in a thick fog, were visited by a native in a Kaish (Cape Galabert is formed by two small Islands one of which we landed on.) cleared up again we started and made a few miles when put in thick landed and went into camp. Shot at and wounded a bear but he took to a pond of water and staid there, blowing heavy from N.E. with rain.

Friday 25th

A fresh breeze from N.W. a head wind for us. were visited by the natives shot our bear and took his blubber for fuel. At three p.m. wind came around S.W. started and made a good run up to the Island on the S. Side of Chesterfield inlet had coffee at midnight and as it was low tide could not get our boats up so kept on

Saturday 26th

Landed on egg Island at sunrise and camped hauling our boats on a smooth rock. the eggs are all chickens turned in and found a dozen natives here in a few hours who had seen us from the main. they are looking out sharp for us to leave that they may go on on the wreck blowing on strong from S.E. can not get our boats off the natives are caught here. latter part rain with gale from E. to S.E.

Sunday July 27th 1873.

Blowing strong from E to N.E. with rain and fog. Found a few eggs and shot what ducks we wanted to eat. A heavy surf on the rocks. The natives tried to shove off but gave it up after getting well wet. All hands wet through looking for eggs. which is bad where we have but the clothes we have on. and our drying facilities are not always in working order. I.E. the Sun.

Monday 28th

Started at six A.M. with light breeze from N.W. Steered over to the Native Settlement, got four deer, and some feet gear for a change. Left them as soon as the tide would allow pulled some eight or ten miles and camped. No wind so ends.

Tuesday 29th

First part a light breeze from N.E. with some rain turned out for an early start but the weather looked threatening so gave it up. Saw a deer close to tent but he had seen the tents before we saw him. Latter part calm with light air from N.E. gave up starting till morning. Mosquitoes are lively so ends.

Wednesday 30th

Started as soon as the tide would let us. with a light breeze from N.W. which soon gave out. light variable air from all quarters pulled & paddled till five P.M. when landed on Depoe Island and dined at seven. pitched our tent got a few eggs and a seal so ends.

Thursday 31st

Started with the tide with light breeze from W.N.W. steering along the land to E.N.E. latter part the wind N.E. strong landed at six P.M. and pitched tents on a rock. Saw seven deer as we landed but they also saw us, we are at Cape Pallentom and so ends.

Friday August 1st 1873.

Strong breeze from N. to N.W. concluded to stay where we was for the day, as the wind was nearly square ahead, and blowing strong, started on a hunt for something to eat, shot two deer, and backed one and a half home, wounded two that did not get, one of the men hurt his foot badly, had deer liver for supper and a good appetite, stewing away some of the fat without stopping to cook it.

Saturday Aug 2^d.

Started at high tide, leaving our half deer buried had breeze from N.W. steering to S.E. wind came out S. and fresh, landed at Whale point about four p.m. found three deer on the point, shot them all, giving us a good quantity of meat, have four bucks and part of a doe, nothing like a sail in light so ends.

Sunday Aug 3^d.

Light breeze from E. to S. and pleasant weather as we have got to the end of our journey, and all the meat we need to eat, we have nothing to do but sit down and think, it is a poor business for men in our situation, here we are a debilitated set, deserted (left to die one might say) by one of our countrymen, the men are all discouraged and can hear nothing but the murmuring over our fate, but we must look it square in the face, whether the glacier is in Repulse Bay or not, we cannot delay our starting for the S. later than the tenth of this month, as we have got to make some preparation after we get to Marble Island, as we have not men enough to man three boats but have got to take three in order to carry our sick, and provision, the provision has got to be cooked before we start to carry us to the factories as the deer will be working inland and we cannot depend on hunting, it looks hard to be left as we are, with a lot of sick on our hands, nearly destitute, four men out of fifteen ^{things} who can't help themselves at all, it was an unmanly thing to leave men so even had we only to go as far as the factories, but we are likely to have to travel across to the settlements in the United States, it look dark but I will look on the bright side yet.

Thursday August 7th 1873.

Have been on the point five nights and the men are entirely discouraged at the prospect of falling in with a ship, and are anxious to be moving. So I wrote a note, and enclosed it in a bottle and planted a flagstaff on the point. Stated our circumstances and that should start from Marble Island by the twentieth of the present month. For Fort Churchill unless picked up before that date, and about noon we started on our return with a light breeze from N.E. which soon died out and had it calm until near night when got a breeze from S. pulled and paddled and sailed until after dark when could not make out to steer a true course and anchored and turned in having but one meal this twenty four hours. excepting we would eat a little of the raw meat

Friday Aug 8th

Hoove up at sunrise and stood along, to a small Island where we had breakfast, then laid down on the rocks and finished our sleep, as the tide was ahead started as soon as the tide would allow and beat a few miles and camped

Saturday 9th

Started at four A.M. and beating along the land, with wind S.W. and fresh. the harbor boat can't get along we made but more than fifteen miles, when blowing on strong, and could not find an Island to camp on, ran back a couple of miles and camped on table Island, shot two deer, on the Island.

Sunday 10th

Started at daylight and camped for breakfast about eight, shot two deer, and made but a few miles after as the wind was square ahead and strong

Monday 11th

Started at daylight with strong gale from N.W. a bad sea running. Stopped on a small Island for breakfast. latter part wind backed to W.S.W. (dead ahead) made a good run, as we camped on the North side of the inlet near some natives, latter part raining

Tuesday August 12th 1873.

Started at daylight with light air from N.E. with some fog, camped for breakfast on a small island pulled by shells all day, with light air and calm, camped about thirty five miles from Marble Island. a boat from the natives with us, going to see what they can pick up.

Wednesday 13th

Started for the Island in the forenoon, with wind E. and back looking weather, came on thick and a fine rain, found it very rough, and more wind than we bargained for. Made for the land again and went back enough to find a landing without leaving our boats, about a quarter of a mile from high water mark. pushed our tents and made a fire and drying our clothes, got the boats up at high water, wind S.E. and fog and rain.

Thursday 14th

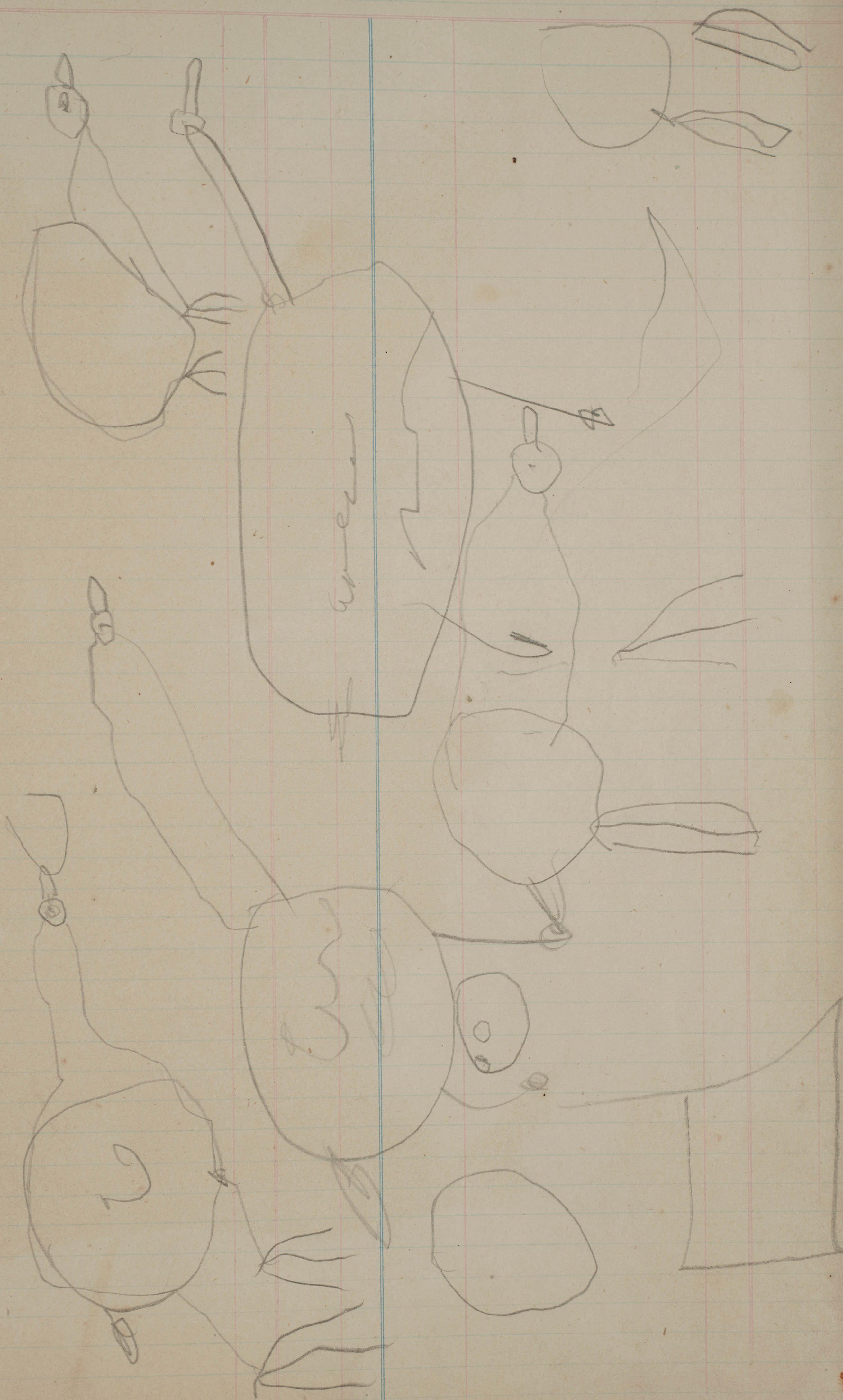
Did not think fog wind came out N.W. and cleared off blowing very heavy, could hardly keep our tents up. Did not go for the wind to moderate latter part saw a bark off shore steering for the Island, our boats were a mile from the water when she passed or should have gone off.

Friday 15th

Started as soon as could get our boats off with a fresh breeze from S.W. dead ahead. the natives worked that land. camped for breakfast on the small island off Kalabert then started one boat passing and I beating, middle part calm, in the afternoon came up a heavy thunder storm we being about half way, came on strong, veered down and run in with the Island when we could just head along towards the W end of the Island. blowed heavy and very rough, we reached the ship about seven P.M. when we found the Glacier in the harbor, just on the point of leaving to look for us along the land. She laid till morning of the sixteenth when we left for home in her, meeting with a welcome from Capt Potter and his officers, this recalls what some might call pleasure of cruising and hunting but it is rather long.

April 20 th	Cash Taken	\$54.91
" 21 st	" "	32.55
" 22 nd	" "	89.29
" 23 rd	" "	99.31
" 24 th	" "	66.52
" 25 th	" "	66.96
" 27 th	" "	61.68
" 28 th	" "	73.92
" 29 th	" "	44.00
" 30 th	" "	35.46
		590.00

May 1 st	Cash Taken	70.00
May 2 nd	" "	60.00
" 3 rd	" "	100
" 4 th	" "	100
" 5 th	" "	45
" 6 th	" "	45
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" 8 th	" "	45.55
" 9 th	" "	75.00
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" 19 th	" "	45.50
" 20 th	" "	41.20
" 21 st	" "	58.00
" 22 nd	" "	60.00
" 23 rd	" "	70.00
" 25 th	" "	90.00



June 20th Received
Ending June 16th

July 8th Received of
Rent ending July 8th for quarters

Oct 1st Received of Louis H Pratt \$12.50 for quarters
Rent ending Oct 1st 1868

Dec 17th Received of F. Terry & Co 17.50 for quarters
Rent ending Dec 17th 1868

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Jan 13th Received of Louis H Pratt \$12.50 for
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March 17th Received of F. A. Terry & Co 17.50
for quarters rent ending March 17th 1869

April 10th Received of Louis H Pratt \$14.00 for
quarters rent ending March 31st 1869

June 17th Received of F. Terry & Co \$17.50 for
quarters rent ending June 17th 1869

May 13th Received of R. Washburn \$50.00
for quarters rent ending May 13th 1869

August 15th Received of R. Washburn \$50.00
for quarters rent ending Aug 15th 1869

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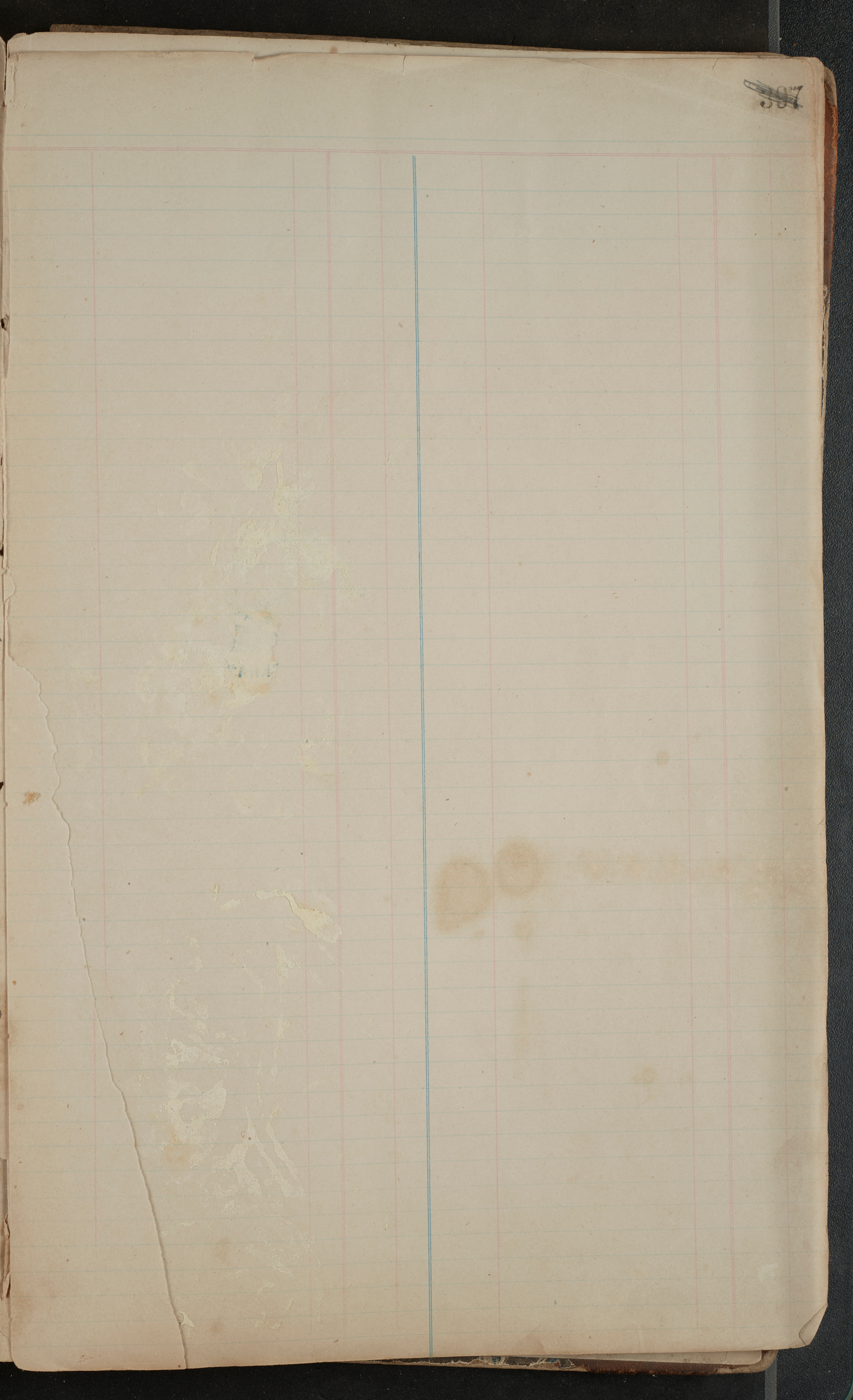
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Dr George J Parker

March 31st 1/2 Oliver Johnson Bill 22.40April 3rd 1/2 Parker & Caldwell 75.52" 4th 1/2 H Berry & Sons 35.25Tobacco on Hand Jan 1st 1869

190 lb Plug

40 lb Snaps

500 Ligars

Feb 1st
160 lb Plug
30 lb Snaps
500 Ligars

George J Parker Dr To George J Parker Dr.

March 1 st	1868	1/2	A D Hall's Bill	42.26
" 4 th			"	29.41
" 9 th			Baylis & Cannon	79.55
" 6 th			J H Barrows	181.82
" "			"	6.70
" 5 th			Wm L Brownell	25.28
" 12 th			S J Easton	500.00
" 2 nd			"	375.00
" 31 st			Baylis & Cannon	1100.62

George J. Parker & Co. Cash Paid Out

March 14 th	To J D Hall Bill	2.45	April 28	Paill	6.50
" 18 th	" " "	62.24	" " "	Herrings	4.00
" 20 th	" " "	160.48	" 2 nd	S G Moe	10.91
" 6 th	To J H Barrows	81.82	" "	S S Haswell	43.50
" 16 th	To Macomber Brothers	3.75	" 20	Shaw & Brother	15.20
" 30 th	To S G Moe bill	50.83	May 1 st	Baylies & Lannon	100.00
" 9 th	To J D Hall & Co.	9.90	" 4 th	Florell	37.50
" 20 th	" " "	28.93	" "	S G Moe	63.39
" 26 th	To J D Hall	45.00	May 10 th	S G Moe	16.50
" 20 th	To Baker & Smith	5.30	May 11 th	J H Barrows	149.46
" 24 th	" " "	9.73	" 13 th	Mical	14.64
" 26 th	To S S Haswell	57.45	" "	Baskets	3.37
" 30 th	To John C. Page	5.50	" "	Baker & Smith	7.00
" "	To W B R Company	4.00	" "	Shaw & Brother	18.45
" "	To George Sherman	23.00	" "	Mirrored	5.08
" "	To J F Patterson	12.00	" "	S G Moe	6.65
" "	To Linnabriel	69.70	" "	S S Haswell	6.66
" "	To J A Roberts	632.30	" "	Oliver Johnson & Co.	22.40
		2.82	" "	Parker & Candwell	75.42
April 1 st	To Shaw & Brother Bill	7.09	18 th	James Hathaway	10.93
" 6	To S G Moe	15.25	21 st	S G Moe	17.00
" "	To S S Haswell	2.80	" "	" "	68.52
" "	To W B R Co.	.99	25 th	" "	35.95
" "	To A W H Co.	19.98	" "	J H Barrows	45.10
" 7 th	To Wm W. Lee	34.00	" "	S S Haswell	15.00
" 8 th	To Knight Cutler & Co.	223.75			
" 8	To W B R Co.	1.91			
" "	To Carting	1.50			
" 9 th	To W B R Co.	.80			
" "	To Carting	1.25			
" 8	To J D Hall & Co.	26.12			
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" "	To Baker & Smith	12.75			
" "	To Cornell & Co.	13.82			
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" "	To S G Moe	8.00			
" "	To Shaw & Brother	18.29			
" "	To For Hay	19.08			
" "	To Apple & Fish	7.12			
" "	To Wm Taber	20.00			

March 1st 1868 Received from Redger Williams Flour Mills
 5 barrel Evangaline Flour @ 14.00 70.00
 5 " Prick of Kitchen @ 12.75 63.75
 " 24th 1 Bundle Bagging @ 3.00 84.00
 " 28 6 lbs King Philip @ 14.00 84.00
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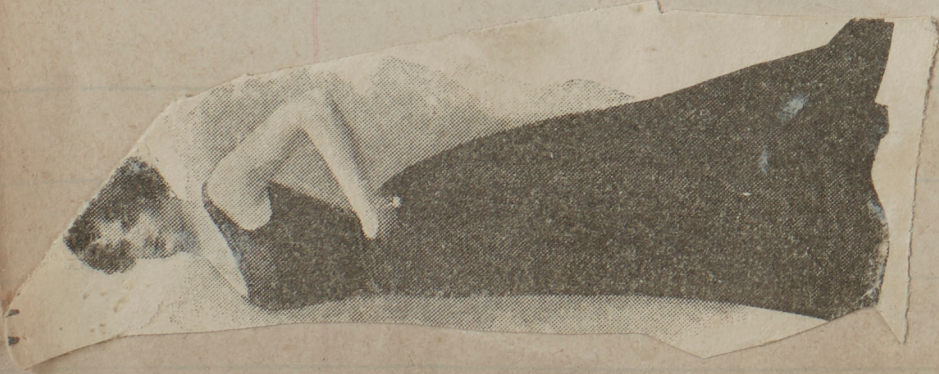
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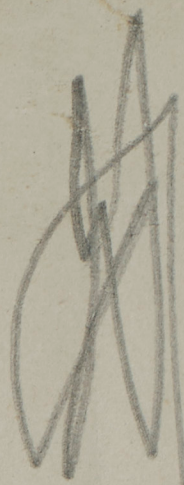
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 1 Box, 60 lbs, French Laundry Soap @ 10.00 6.00
 1 " 60 " Womans Toilet @ 8.5 5.10
 1 " 35 lbs Castile Soap @ 13 4.55
 1 " Bread Prep 6.75

Paid to Ball.

Sam Ball

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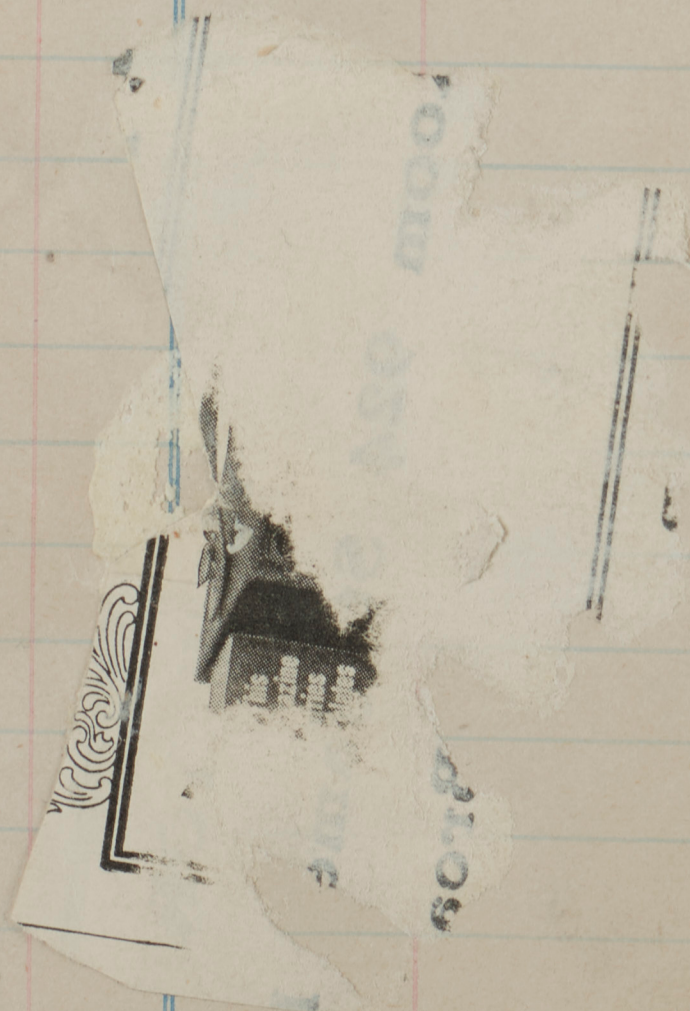
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